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### Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – On the morning of November 27, 2020 Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) received lab confirmation of 19 additional positive cases in Trinity County. TCPHB has identified the following sectors as sources of exposure:

- Kelly's Fitness Plus & White Wolf Gym on November 16, 2020 and November 18, 2020 between the hours of 9:00am and 10:00am
- Burger King in Weaverville on November 15, 2020 between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm
- Coast Central Credit Union in Weaverville on November 18, 2020 between the hours of 11:00am and 12:00pm
- Holiday Market, including Starbucks on:
  - November 20, 2020 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm
  - November 22, 2020 between the hours of 3:00pm and 4:00pm
  - November 25, 2020 between the hours of 3:00pm and 4:00pm
  - November 26, 2020 between the hours of 4:00pm and 5:00pm
- CVS in Weaverville on November 24, 2020 between 10:00am and 11:00am
- Any indoor gatherings without consistent masking and social distancing or more than three households between November 15, 2020 and November 26, 2020.

We ask the public to monitor for the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



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- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you develop symptoms please self-isolate and contact your healthcare provider and obtain testing. We also ask any persons who believe they may have been exposed to get tested and self-quarantine.

Trinity County remains in the Purple Tier (widespread). Our test positivity rate is 10.9%. Here is what we know:

- The virus is spreading exponentially and rapidly and is causing more severe illness in Trinity County residents
- The following is recommended to prevent further rapid spread throughout Trinity County:
  - Proper social distancing of at least 6 feet
  - Masking or Face shield at all times when out in public
  - Increased ventilation – outdoor versus indoor and adequate air flow in buildings prevents spread when all other preventative measures above are implemented
  - Frequent hand-washing and sanitizing high-touch surfaces
  - Self-isolate if develop any symptoms consistent with COVID-19
  - Self-quarantine if exposed
  - Get tested

Please refer to the following links for guidance documents:

- Purple Tier Guidance for Trinity County  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings:
  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>
  - [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/faceshield\\_handout.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/faceshield_handout.pdf)



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- Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>
- Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>
- Quarantine and Isolation Instructions for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19  
<https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19>

The widespread infection rate in Trinity County and surrounding counties presents a significant threat to our county healthcare system and other healthcare systems outside the county that our residents depend on. As cases spread and hospitalization rates begin to exceed capacity, the delay in care due to COVID-19 will be profound and the indirect impact on all aspects of needed emergency care significant.

The Surveillance and Control Team (SCT) is reaching out to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and our local and state Emergency Operations (OES) Partners to procure added Case Investigators (CIs) and Contact Tracers (CTs) to meet the demand associated with this level of cases and in anticipation of many more positive cases to come.

TCPHB, through our Medical Health Operational Area Coordination Program, is collaborating closely with our Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist, CDPH, Regional Emergency Medical Services Specialist, and OES to monitor healthcare system surge in and around Trinity County and coordinate planning to meet surge demands.

TCPHB continues to coordinate with vendors and laboratories as well as CDPH to ensure testing access for Trinity county residents during the next several crucial months. The Verily testing site will continue in Trinity County through February. Verily announced that it will now test children 13 years of age and older at their drive thru sites, parents must accompany their children being tested. The TCPHB team is also developing a process for access to self-testing kits as a safety net to ensure all those who need testing receive it in a timely manner.

Drive-thru mobile testing sites are available next week according to the following schedule:



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- **Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 9:00 am- 1:00 pm, Trinity Alps Performing Arts Center, 101 Arbuckle Court, Weaverville**
- **Friday, December 4th, 2020 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Trinity County Fairgrounds, 6000 State Hwy 3, Hayfork**

The COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated this afternoon to reflect the new cases.

For local information and statistics or to find additional resources visit [www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org).