



For immediate release:



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Lassen County has COVID-19 Outbreak in Local Prison with Ninth Case for Plumas County

Plumas County Public Health received notification from Lassen County of a positive COVID-19 test result for a resident in Eastern Plumas County related to a COVID-19 outbreak in the California Correction Center (CCC) in Lassen County. There is currently an outbreak of over 200 positive COVID-19 cases in the CCC. Lassen County Incident Command and the Lassen County Public Health Department continue to work with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to provide testing and supplies. Lassen County Public Health and CDCR worked together to test over 2,000 inmates and around 180 employees. CDCR is currently reporting numbers for inmate and staff positives on their website. To verify information, use the links provided below.

Inmate Tracker - <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/population-status-tracking/>

Employee Status - <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/cdcr-cchcs-covid-19-status/>

The positive individual has symptoms and is currently self-isolating. An investigation is underway to determine if any other residents may have been exposed. Exposed residents identified during the investigation will be contacted by a member of the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team for further screening.

Since June 15, 2020, Plumas County has had five positive COVID-19 cases including this current case. It is difficult to determine with certainty how or where a person was exposed to the COVID-19 virus. It is believed case number five was exposed to COVID-19 by traveling to a location with a high rate of COVID-19 cases, and case six was a close contact of case five. Case seven is also believed to have been exposed to the virus through regional travel. Investigation continues regarding case eight, and case nine is related to the outbreak at CCC.

Currently, there is not enough evidence to suggest community transmission of COVID-19 in Plumas County. However, that can change at any time; therefore, everyone is strongly encouraged to follow the executive order by staying home and avoiding travel when possible, practice physical distancing, wear a face covering while in public, and continue to use universal precautions; including washing hands and covering mouths with an elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Exposure to COVID-19 can be minimized if all precautions are practiced by all residents.

If you have any questions please contact the Plumas County COVID-19 informational phone line 530-283-6400 or send an e-mail to COVID19@countyofplumas.com or visit our website at www.plumascounty.us