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### First Death from COVID-19 Confirmed in a Resident of Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County Public Health has confirmed that a Stanislaus County resident has died due to COVID-19. The individual was an adult male with underlying medical conditions. No further details about these cases will be shared due to patient privacy.

“We wish to share our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of this person. This death reminds us of the seriousness of this disease and Stanislaus County is taking necessary steps to slow down the spread of the disease and to protect those at greatest risk,” says Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer. “While Public Health is doing everything possible to mitigate the impact of this disease in our community, we can only flatten the curve if EVERYONE takes social distancing seriously.”

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Stanislaus County is now at 103. We expect to continue to see more cases in the coming days and weeks. It is critical that individuals and organizations take action in slowing the spread of the virus by following all applicable guidance and recommendations.

To stop the spread of COVID-19 it is critical to adhere to these recommendations:

- Practice social distancing which means stay at least 6 feet away from others
  - Do not hold social visits and play dates with anyone outside of your household
  - Keep children that are at home entertained by playing games, reading books, or going for walks
  - Only leave the house for essential medical supplies or groceries. Try to go when either early or later in the day when places are less likely to be crowded
  - If you are over the age of 65, have a friend pick up groceries for you
  - If you must visit your doctor, call ahead and see if they have telehealth options that allow you to interact with your doctor from home
- Avoid ALL non-essential activities that involve close contact with the general public
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol for at least 20 seconds
- Limit close contact with people who are sick. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from someone who is sick
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Do not share objects such as utensils, cups, food, and drink

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Stanislaus County Public Health continues to work closely with the Emergency Operations Center to address the COVID-19 pandemic through guidance provided by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other partners.

For the most up to date information, please visit:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

CDPH: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

Stanislaus County: <http://schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/>

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