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**Fifth Death from COVID-19 Confirmed as a Resident of Stanislaus County**

**Stanislaus County, CA** – Stanislaus County Public Health has confirmed that a fifth Stanislaus County resident, an adult female with underlying medical conditions, has died due to COVID-19. No further details about this case will be shared due to patient privacy.

“Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families and friends who have lost a loved one,” says Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer. “As we look to start expanding activities in the next few weeks, we need to ensure that we continue to protect our most vulnerable, those who are at higher risk for severe disease if they become ill with COVID-19.”

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Stanislaus County is now at 236. As we continue to see more cases, it is critical that individuals and organizations act in slowing the spread of the virus by following all applicable guidance and recommendations as it is issued.

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

- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others.
  - Do not hold social visits and play dates with anyone outside of your household
  - Keep children who 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 either early or later in the day when places are less likely to be crowded
  - Wear a face covering when out in public
  - If you are over the age of 65, have a friend pick up groceries for you
  - If you must visit your doctor, call ahead to 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 all our partners in the Emergency Operation 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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