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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COVID-19 Update: 32 Cases, 4 Active; Volunteers Needed to Maintain Testing Capacity; 13 Sectors Reopened or Expanded, More Sector Guidance Coming, Possibly Today

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Lake County, CA (June 12, 2020) – COVID-19 activity remains stable in Lake County, thanks to people taking precautions, and our local economy continues to reopen. Here are brief situational updates in four important areas:

32 Lake County Cases Identified, 4 Currently Active Confirmed Cases

Yesterday, the 31st Lake County case was identified. Today, an individual living in the same household also tested positive, bringing our total to 32. Both were exposed to a person visiting from out of the county that subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Early contact tracing has not revealed any concerns for additional Lake County cases, but investigations are ongoing. At this time, there are 4 active confirmed cases, and all are stable and on home isolation. The other 28 have recovered. There remains no evidence of widespread community transmission in Lake County.

We are now outside of the 14-day period following the Memorial Day holiday, and it is very encouraging that we did not see a surge in cases as a result of increased activity that weekend. That is very probably a testimony to people taking individual precautions, including practicing good hygiene and wearing face coverings.

Volunteers Needed to Maintain our Testing Capacity

Having the sustainable capacity to test at least 100 people per day is key to our ability to continue reopening local business sectors and keep businesses open. Local leaders, Senator McGuire, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, and the California COVID-19 Testing Task force fought hard to make this valuable partnership happen.

Unfortunately, Verily has been testing at about 1/3 of their capacity (50 tests/day). The State's goal is to test 80,000 per day, and each Verily and OptumServe site must perform near capacity to meet this statewide objective.

Volunteers are needed, particularly in the areas of clinical support (preferably nurses and similar medical personnel) and traffic control.

To volunteer, please contact the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator, at MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov or call 707-263-8174. Truly, your willingness to volunteer will help local businesses reopen and stay open.

Free Testing is Available

COVID-19 testing through private clinics can cost around \$130, inadvertently discouraging some from getting

tested.

Verily and Lake County Health Services offer free Drive-Thru testing at different locations around the county:
Mondays and Tuesdays - Clearlake
Thursdays and Fridays - Lakeport

Wednesday testing alternates between Clearlake and Middletown.

The next Middletown testing dates are Wednesday, June 24, and Wednesday, July 8.

Appointments are available up to 48 hours in advance, so it may look like there are no appointments available if you try to schedule further ahead. Go to the Verily website to get screened and register:

<https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>

More comfortable mid-turbinate swabbing is now typically available at the Verily sites. This week, due to a supply quality issue, nasopharyngeal swabs were used, in some cases. Mid-turbinate swabs are expected to again be available no later than next week.

As a reminder, if you frequent or work in a high traffic area, it is important to get regular testing, and you can get tested for free multiple times at a Verily clinic. Business owners should encourage employees to get tested.

13 Sectors Reopened or Expanded Today, Further Sectors Expected

As reported earlier this week, all 13 sectors for which the State issued new or expanded guidance on June 5 are permitted to reopen as of today:

- Childcare services (updated, expanded)
- Schools (interim guidance)
- Day camps
- Casinos operated by Sovereign Tribal Nations
- Music, Film and Television Production
- Professional Sports without Live Audiences
- Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation
- Hotels and Vacation Rentals (e.g. VRBO, Airbnb)
- Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities and Racetracks
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Restaurants, Bars and Wineries
- Fitness Facilities
- Museums, Galleries, Zoos and Aquariums

Links to all 13 sets of guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR20-113.aspx>

As of right now, nail salons, estheticians, massage therapists and tattoo parlors are not permitted to open, statewide. We have received advanced notice the State may issue additional guidance this afternoon, with an effective date possibly as early as next Friday, June 19. Guidance is distributed by the California Department of Public Health, and their Press Releases are posted here, once available:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/New-Release-2020.aspx>

If you review this information and still have questions, reach out to County of Lake Health Services staff, at MHOAC@lakecountyca.gov or 707-263-8174.

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