

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – March 24, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 44,183 (+10,779)
- Total deaths: 544 (+144)
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 54 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands)

Data includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

STATE:

CALIFORNIA: 2,102 positive cases (+369); 40 deaths (+13): 26 CA residents, 1 non-CA

Note: The following numbers reflect information received by local health jurisdictions as of 2 p.m. PDT March 23

- 531: Community-acquired cases
- 1,571: Cases acquired through person-to-person transmission, travel (including cruise ship passengers), repatriation, or under investigation.
 - This includes 31 health care workers

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 28 cases
- Age 18-49: 970 cases
- Age 50-64: 493 cases
- Age 65 and older: 449 cases
- Unknown: 162 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 843 cases
- Male: 1,081 cases

- Unknown: 178 cases

LOCAL:

JUST IN: A fifth county resident has tested positive for COVID-19, local officials just confirmed. Information will be available tomorrow, March 25, along with information about integrating commercial laboratory testing data into daily lab reports.

Data below is what is currently available as of March 24 with data only reflecting the forth-confirmed case:

A fourth county resident has tested positive for COVID-19, local health officials confirmed this afternoon. The fourth resident was in the same traveler group as the individual announced earlier who had traveled internationally. A multistate investigation of possible contacts is currently under way.

Public Health Seeks Traveler Info:

Three recent flights may represent a possible exposure for COVID-19 infection, either because an individual on board has become a confirmed case or because a close contact whose test is pending was on board.

- 3/16/20: United Flight #5827 from Los Angeles Airport to Arcata
- 3/18/20: Delta Flight #4124 from Seattle to Medford, OR
- 3/18/20: United Flight #5555 from San Francisco Airport to Arcata

Results Summary to date:

- 146 total patients tested (+37)
- 3 positive (+2)
- 1 positive, cleared
- 1 inconclusive, cleared
- 141 negative (+35)

Current test capacity:

After receiving additional supplies, the Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 500 tests and can process about 30 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 hours.