

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – March 25, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 54,453 (+10,270)
- Total deaths: 737 (+193)
- 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.

Vice President Pence and Secretary DeVos' had a conference call with education stakeholders today. Read more about that [here](#).

STATE:

CALIFORNIA:

- **2,535 positive cases (+433);**
- **53 deaths (+13): 1 non-CA resident**

- 707: Community-acquired cases (+176)
- 1,828: Cases acquired through person-to-person transmission, travel (including cruise ship passengers), repatriation, or under investigation. (+257)
 - This includes 35 health care workers

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 37 cases
- Age 18-49: 1,278 cases
- Age 50-64: 638 cases
- Age 65+: 562 cases
- Unknown: 20 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 1,117 cases
- Male: 1,389 cases
- Unknown: 29 cases

Testing in California

- As of 2 p.m. PDT on March 24, approximately 66,800 tests had been conducted in California. This includes the latest numbers California has received from commercial and private labs and the 22 [state and county health labs](#) that are currently testing. At least 18,276 results have been received and another 48,600 are pending.

LOCAL:

March 25 - Number of Confirmed Cases Double in Humboldt County

Five additional individuals have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing to 10 the number of known cases in Humboldt County. Four of the patients were members of the international traveling group referenced yesterday that yielded two previous positive tests. The 5th is a household contact of one of these individuals. [Five additional COVID-19 cases \(PDF\)](#).

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

How People Can Protect Themselves

Every person has a role to play. Protecting yourself and your family comes down to common sense:

- Staying home except for essential needs/activities.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering a cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or disposable tissue. Wash your hands afterward.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Following guidance from public health officials.

What to Do if You Think You're Sick

Call ahead: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or shortness of breath) and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19, or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call your health care provider before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.