

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – March 26, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 68,440 (+13,987)
- Total deaths: 994 (+257)
- 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:

- **3,006 positive cases (+471);**
- **65 deaths (+12): 1 non-CA resident**
  
- 886: Community-acquired cases (+179)
- 2,120: Cases acquired through person-to-person transmission, travel (including cruise ship passengers), repatriation, or under investigation. (+292)
  - This includes 42 (+7) health care workers

#### Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 37 cases
- Age 18-49: 1,505 cases
- Age 50-64: 764 cases
- Age 65+: 678 cases
- Unknown: 22 cases

**Gender of all confirmed positive cases:**

- Female: 1,309 cases
- Male: 1,665 cases
- Unknown: 32 cases

**Testing in California**

- As of 2 p.m. PDT on March 25, approximately 77,800 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. Commercial, provider and academic labs have increased testing capacity and are now reporting that data to the state. The biggest labs included in this count include Quest, LabCorp, Kaiser, University of California and Stanford.
- At least 20,386 results have been received and another 57,400 are pending.

**LOCAL:**

Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, one by the Public Health Laboratory and the other by a commercial lab, bringing the number of known cases in Humboldt County to 12. Today also marked the first hospitalization of a COVID patient since the outbreak began locally.

Both of these cases are under investigation. The mechanism of transmission of the fifth case, from March 24, has not yet been determined.

- **Total positive cases confirmed on March 26: 2**
- **Total number of positive cases: 12**
- **Total number of active cases: 11**
- **Total number of hospitalizations: 1**

Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 191

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 160

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.

**The Shelter-in-Place order remains in effect through April 9.**

**FAQ with Dr. Teresa Frankovich**

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich answers questions about the COVID-19 pandemic and response here in Humboldt County. Topics include commercial lab reporting vs the public health lab, how local testing works, how we are supporting our healthcare workers, and more.

Watch it [here](#).

**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.