NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – March 27, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 85,356 (+16,916)
- Total deaths: 1,246 (+252)
- 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:

- **3,801 positive cases (+795)**
- **78 deaths (+13): 1 non-CA resident**

- 1,083: Community-acquired cases (+197)

- 2,718: Cases acquired through person-to-person transmission, travel (including cruise ship passengers), repatriation, or under investigation. (+598)

  o   This includes 48 health care workers (+6)

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 45 cases
- Age 18-49: 1,906 cases
- Age 50-64: 967 cases
- Age 65 and older: 847 cases
- Unknown: 36 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 1,680 cases
- Male: 2,074 cases
- Unknown: 47 cases

Testing in California

- As of 2 p.m. PDT on March 26, approximately 88,400 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 23,480 results have been received and another 65,000 are pending.

Twenty-two public health labs in California are testing samples for COVID-19. These labs include the California Department of Public Health's Laboratory in Richmond, Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey, Napa-Solano-Yolo-Marin (located in Solano), Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tulare and Ventura County public health laboratories The Richmond Laboratory will provide diagnostic testing within a 48-hour turnaround time. This means California public health officials will get test results sooner, so that patients will get the best care.

LOCAL:

Two Additional COVID-19 Cases Confirmed

Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, bringing the total to 14 local cases since the outbreak began. Cases 11 through 14 are currently under investigation, with additional information expected next week.

Case number five, confirmed on March 24, has been found to be a contact of another case and is therefore not an example of community spread.

Total positive cases confirmed on March 27: 2

Total number of positive cases: 14
Total number of active cases: 13
Total number of hospitalizations: 1

Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 243

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 165
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and commercial labs)

After receiving additional supplies, the Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 600 tests and can process about 40 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 hours.

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Meeting to be Held on Monday

Humboldt County residents are encouraged to participate in a virtual town hall meeting regarding the local response to COVID-19 on Monday, March 30, 2020 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The community can watch this town hall meeting live at:

- Access Humboldt's YouTube Page

- Access Humboldt Channel 11
- WAVE7 (Southern Humboldt WAVE subscribers)
- Listen at KZZH-LP 96.7

The town hall will be available for viewing following the event at:

- Access Humboldt's YouTube Page
- Community questions can be submitted Prior to the event:
- Via email: COVIDinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please include in the subject line "ATTN: TOWN HALL"
- Via OpenGov: humboldtgov.org/covidtownhall
- During the event:
- Via Facebook: HumCo COVID-19. A special post will be created for you to comment your questions.
- Via OpenGov: humboldtgov.org/covidtownhall

The following local officials will be present to accept questions during this event:

- Connie Beck, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Director
- Estelle Fennell, Humboldt County District 2 Supervisor
- Dr. Teresa Frankovich, Humboldt County Health Officer
- William Honsal, Humboldt County Sheriff
- Michele Stephens, Humboldt County Public Health Director

*This event will be moderated by North Coast Journal News Editor Thadeus Greenson.