

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 10, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 459,165 (+31,705)
- Total deaths: 16,570 (+1,874)
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and US Virgin Islands)

Cases of COVID-19 Reported in the US, by Source of Exposure

- Travel Related – 2,138 (+208)
- Close Contact – 10,956 (+1,193)
- Under Investigation – 446,071 (+30,304)
- Total cases – 459,165

New Data Available: CDC publishes COVIDView: a weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity.

Key Points:

- CDC is modifying existing surveillance systems, many used to track influenza and other respiratory viruses annually, to track COVID-19.
- Nationally, the percentage of laboratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 continued to increase.
- Visits to outpatient providers and emergency departments (EDs) for illnesses with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are elevated compared to what is normally seen at this time of year but decreased compared to levels reported last week. At this time, there is little influenza virus circulation so the elevated proportion of people presenting with these symptoms is likely due to COVID-19, but may be tempered by a number of factors including less ILL overall because of widespread adoption of social distancing efforts as well as changes in healthcare seeking practices.
- The overall cumulative COVID-19 associated hospitalization rate is 12.3 per 100,000, with the highest rates in persons 65 years and older (38.7 per 100,000) and 50-64 years (20.7 per 100,000). Hospitalization rates for COVID-19 in older people are higher than what is typically seen early in a flu season.
- Based on death certificate data, the percentage of deaths attributed to COVID-19 increased from 4.0% during week 13 to 6.9% during week 14. The percentage of deaths due to pneumonia (excluding COVID-19 or influenza) decreased from 7.5% during week 13 to 7.2% during week 14.
- **To read the full report for Week 14, ending April 4, click [here](#)**

STATE:

*As of April 9, 2020, 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time:

19,472 positive cases (+1,163)

541 deaths in California (+49)

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 269 cases
- Age 18-49: 9,469 cases
- Age 50-64: 5,347 cases
- Age 65 and older: 4,335 cases
- Unknown/Missing: 52 cases

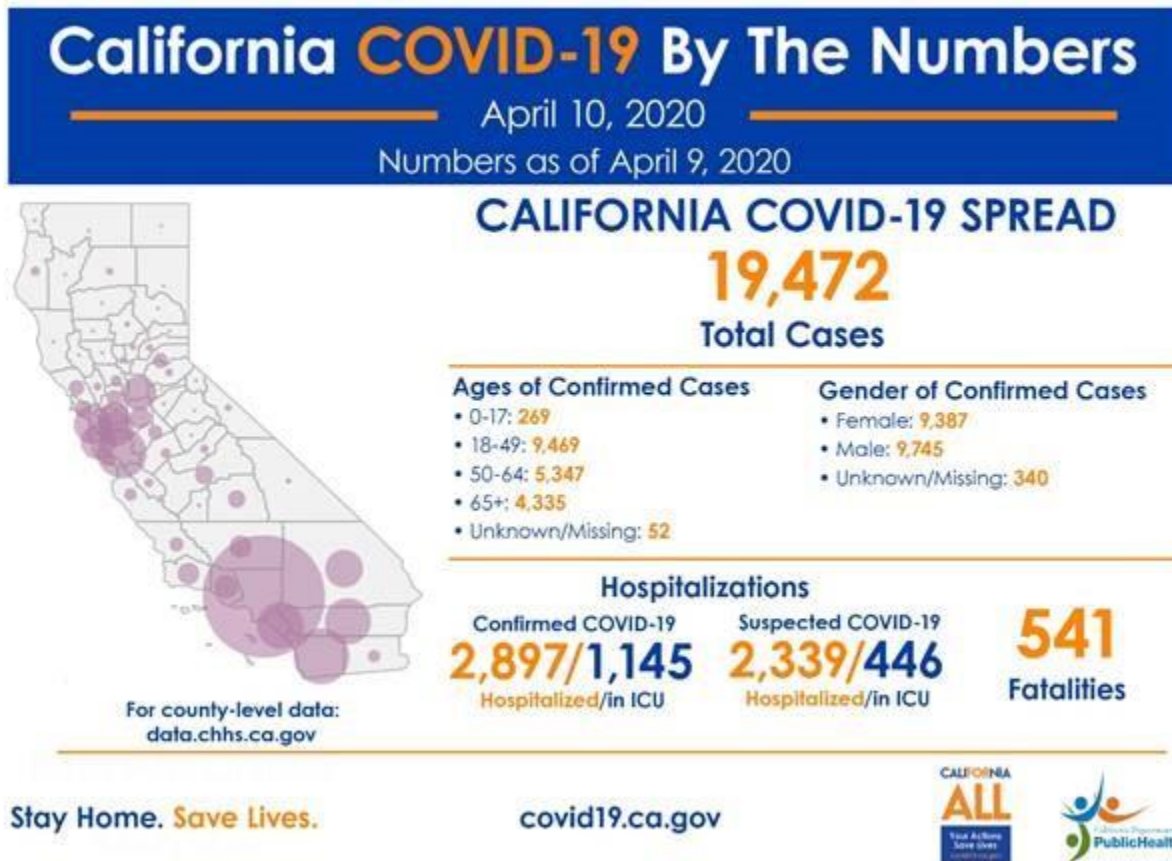
Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 9,387 cases
- Male: 9,745 cases
- Unknown: 340 cases

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES:

Governor Newsom Sign Executive Order on upcoming elections. Read more [here](#)

WATCH: California Governor Gavin Newsom gives today's press conference – [April 10](#)



LOCAL:

April 10, 2020 – No New Positive Cases for third day in a row marking the first 3-day period of no new cases since March 21

- Total number of positive cases: 50
- Total number of hospitalizations: 3
- Total number of deaths: 0

“No new cases is always good news, and I thank the entire community for their cooperation in responding to COVID-19,” Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said. “We fully expect to see additional cases going forward and appreciate the opportunity this slowing provides to all preparedness efforts.” Frankovich said sheltering in place keeps mildly symptomatic and asymptomatic people from being in close contact with individuals outside their home.

Total number of tests run: 1,349

- Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 785
- Total number of people tested by all other sources: 564

A total of 1,349 Humboldt County residents have been tested since the outbreak began. The county testing rate of 947 per 100,000 residents exceeds the state rate of 445 per 100,000 and the national rate of 726 per 100,000 people. The estimated U.S. rate of confirmed cases is 148 per 100,000 people, four times higher than the Humboldt County rate of 37 per 100,000 residents. The state rate stands at 51 cases per 100,000 people.

Data available to date indicates the following means of transmission for all Humboldt County cases: Of the 50 cases:

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 7
- Under Investigation: 0

Approximately 84% of cases are located in or around Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville and Fortuna

- Males: 43%
- Females: 57%
- Mean age: 44

NEWS RELEASES:**April 10, 2020 - Lack of Social Distancing May Prompt Closure of Scenic Drive.**

The County of Humboldt has been monitoring local parks and beach access areas for compliance with the Shelter-In-Place Order. At this time, county staff have found a lack of social distancing along Scenic Drive in Trinidad and on the beach accesses from this road.

The county is taking this opportunity to remind the public that social distancing is critical to containing the COVID-19 outbreak. If social distancing guidelines continue to be ignored, Scenic Drive will be closed to all but local traffic.

Residents should also follow social distancing guidelines during the holidays. Health officials advise us to observe this weekend's holidays and celebrations within our own homes. It's the best way to keep ourselves, our families and our community safe from possible infection.

April 10, 2020 - Need To Pay Property Tax Late Due To COVID-19? Apply For A Penalty Waiver

The second installment of 2019-2020 property taxes are due today. People who cannot make the deadline because of demonstrated economic hardship due to COVID-19 may still send payment between April 11 and June 10, 2020, without late penalties by filling out the “Affidavit for Penalty Exemption Due to COVID-19” form found at: humboldt.gov.org/2088/Property-Tax-Information or attached here ([PDF form](#)). Exemptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

FEATURED VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

- Dr. Teresa Frankovich: April 10 media availability. Watch [here](#)
- Today’s COVID Minute: Proper use of face coverings. Watch [here](#)

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCES:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services has several local resources available, including an email and phone hotline.

- [Humboldt Health Alert web page](#)
- **General information:**
707-441-5000
covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us
- **Medical advice, questions about testing:**
707-445-6200
hhsphb@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Meal Distribution for Kids: The Humboldt County Office of Education maintains a list of pickup spots distributing free meals for children age 18 and under. Learn more [here](#).

Resources for schools, students, parents and families: updated daily

- Learn more at: <https://hcoe.org/covid-19/>