NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 20, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 746,625 (+84,913) (1,696 probable)
- Total deaths: 39,083 (+6,034) (4,752 probable)

**Total jurisdictions includes 50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin Islands.

STATE:

As of April 19:

- 30,978 positive cases (+3,450)
- 1,208 deaths (+223)

Approximately 290,500 tests have been conducted. At least 251,614 results have been received and 7,200 are pending.
California Health and Human Services Agency is releasing this information as an open dataset. This includes dashboards for hospital data and statewide case statistics.
As of April 18, data on race and ethnicity is complete for 67 percent of COVID-19 cases and 90 percent of deaths reported to the California Department of Public Health. As testing expands and our work to get more complete information by race and ethnicity advances, the distribution by race and ethnicity for cases may change. As information on race and ethnicity is becoming more complete on reported deaths, our data shows that African Americans/Blacks represent a disproportionately higher number of deaths compared to their representation in California's population. Another group of heightened concern are Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders, although the number of deaths in this population are small and therefore limits statistical comparison.
GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES:

Daily Press Conference: Governor Gavin Newsom provides an update to the State’s response to COVID-19. [Watch here](#)

Governor Newsom Announces Cross-Sector Partnerships to Support Distance Learning and Bridge the Digital Divide. [Full PR](#)

Governor Newsom Visits Project Roomkey Site in Santa Clara County to Highlight Progress on the State’s Initiative to Protect Homeless Individuals from COVID-19. [Full PR](#)

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Foster Youth Services in Response to COVID-19. [Full PR](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

[Weekly COVID update](#) as of April 17, 2020 from Superintendent Tony Thurmond
LOCAL:

No New Positive Cases Confirmed

April 20, 2020 - Local Lab Results To Be Published Tuesday; Data onRecovered Cases Now Available

The Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory’s test run for Monday, April 20, started late in the day and will not be completed in time for a report tonight.

Tonight’s test numbers will instead be included in Tuesday’s COVID-19 case report. Commercial laboratories reported a total of 12 tests run with no positive cases. The current total number of confirmed cases remains 52.

Humboldt County Public Health is now able to report six days a week the total number of county residents who have recovered from COVID-19. Of the 52 confirmed cases, a total of 47 have recovered.

The total number of recovered cases represents the number of people with confirmed cases who are no longer in isolation. That means these individuals have met Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria for release, including absence of fever for at least three days without use of fever-reducing medicine, improvement in symptoms and have had seven days or more since onset of symptoms.

The following information is based on the most recent data available for all confirmed cases:

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 8
- Under Investigation: 1

FEATURED VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

April 20, 2020 | Media Availability - Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT
DHHS Behavioral Health Director Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT answers questions regarding County Mental Health services and COVID-19.