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Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – Between October 30, 2020 and the morning of November 4, 2020 Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) received notification of 12 confirmed positive symptomatic cases constituting a cluster of cases as well as potential expanding of community spread in Weaverville and Hayfork.

Five (5) cases linked in space and time were identified on Friday October 30, 2020 and immediately isolated. Numerous close contacts were identified and quarantined. Two (2) close contacts subsequently developed symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19 with one individual hospitalized with severe illness. This constitutes a cluster of cases.

Between November 3, 2020 and November 4, 2020 TCPHB received lab confirmation on five (5) additional COVID-19 symptomatic positive individuals not known to be connected to each other or the cluster of 7 cases. This indicates the potential of expanding community spread. All positive cases have been isolated. The Surveillance and Control Team (SCT) is currently contacting individuals to ensure all exposed persons are identified and quarantined.

TCPHB wants to remind everyone that gatherings, where social distancing is difficult or not practiced, are likely sources of community spread and include:

- Congregating in Bars
- Socializing with large groups from separate households
- Worship Services
- Patronizing businesses and restaurants without masking or social distancing



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Community spread happens when someone gets the virus without any known contact with a sick person. To stop the spread of coronavirus, you'll need to self-quarantine, or stay away from those who are well, if you're sick. Because you may not show symptoms right away, you should also do this if you know that you've had exposure to someone who has it:

- Stay at home.
- Keep at least 6 feet away from everyone else in your household.
- Don't have any visitors.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water.
- Don't share personal items like dishes, utensils, and towels.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces like counters, doorknobs, phones, and remote controls.
- If you've tested positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself.
- Stay at home in a room separate from everyone else, if at all possible.
- Avoid contact with all people and pets.
- Wear a face mask when you do have to be near other people.
- If your symptoms get worse, call your doctor before you visit a clinic or hospital. Ask your doctor to call the local or state health department. Follow their instructions to get medical help.
- Isolate yourself until there's no chance that you could spread the virus. Your doctor can tell you when it's safe for you to stop isolating.

Also refer to CDC guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/10Things.pdf>

Close contact is defined as:

- Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a *cumulative* total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* regardless of whether a mask was worn:
 - From 2 days prior to test specimen collection for an asymptomatic infected individual
 - From 2 days before infected individual develops symptoms until the time the patient is isolated.

* *Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).*

Drive-thru mobile testing sites are available this week according to the following schedule:



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- **Thursday, November 5th, 2020 8:00 am-11:45 am, Trinity Alps Performing Arts Center, 101 Arbuckle Court, Weaverville***
- **Friday, November 6th, 2020 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Lewiston Moose Lodge, 71 Turnpike Road, Lewiston***

All client information is kept confidential under the law.

For local information and statistics or to find additional resources visit www.trinitycounty.org.