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Trinity County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Advisory

TRINITY COUNTY – Between November 7, 2020 and the morning of November 9, 2020 Trinity County Public Health Branch (TCPHB) received lab confirmation of 19 additional positive cases in Trinity County bringing the total to 34 confirmed positive cases in less than two (2) weeks. This constitutes increasing community spread identified at this time in Weaverville and Hayfork.

TCPHB has identified sectors that are potential sources of exposure and spread. We ask the public to monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and consider getting tested if you visited any of the following:

- Bars in Hayfork on or around Halloween night.
- Hayfork Hotel on October 31, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 pm and 11:30 pm
- Any Bars or gatherings, such as weddings or parties in Hayfork between the dates of October 24, 2020 and November 8, 2020.
- In person church services in Weaverville between the dates of October 24, 2020 and November 8, 2020.
- Wiley's Supermarket and Hayfork Discount Groceries Between October 30 and November 3, 2020.
- Holiday Market on Friday November 6, 2020 between the hours of 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The Surveillance and Control Team (SCT) is reaching out to the California Department of Public Health and our local and state Emergency Operations Partners to procure added Case Investigators (CIs) and Contact Tracers (CTs) to meet the demand associated with this level of cases and in anticipation of many more positive cases to come.

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We want to remind our residents of the infectiousness of SARS-CoV-2 2019 (COVID-19) and that active surveillance (testing), contact tracing, quarantine, masking and strong social distancing efforts are needed to stop transmission.

The basic reproduction number (R_0) is the average number of people that one person with COVID-19 is likely to infect in a population without any immunity (from recent infections) or any interventions (social distancing, masking, quarantine/isolation) and is an estimate of the transmissibility of COVID-19. We have more than doubled our cases in just three (3) days. What this tells us is that with a high outbreak growth rate, the higher the estimated R_0.

COVID-19 has the potential in Trinity County to spread rapidly and infect a large portion of our population, overwhelming our healthcare systems in and around Trinity County. As cases spread through surrounding counties our ability to access those healthcare systems is also impacted. Our best defense is offense, strong social distancing efforts, masking any time persons are in public and self-quarantining/isolating when ill or in contact with someone may be infected with COVID-19 are needed to slow down or stop the spread of the virus.

For information on self-quarantine and self-isolation please refer to the Coronavirus Information Page under "Quarantine and Isolation Instructions for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19" https://www.trinitycounty.org/COVID-19

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

- **Thursday, November 12th, 2020 8:00 am-11:45 am, Trinity Alps Performing Arts Center, 101 Arbuckle Court, Weaverville**
- **Friday, November 13th, 2020 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Solid Rock Church Hayfork**

All client information is kept confidential under the law.

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