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TRINITY COUNTY – As of today, there are no reported cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Trinity County. Testing numbers are as follows:

- 58 total
- 58 negative
- 0 pending

The Trinity County Health and Human Services (HHS) Public Health Branch (PHB) continues to work closely with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and other local, state, and federal partners to address unique response needs to COVID-19 in Trinity County.

Our coordinated COVID-19 emergency response system includes our PHB Department Operation Center (DOC), our HHS Social Services DOC, our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and our County Multiagency Coordination (MAC) Group. This system has been put into place to move toward a centralized command and to coordinate response planning as well as prioritize the need for critical resources to prevent the loss of life.

In this pandemic, due to the nature of the virus and the breadth of infection rates throughout California and the Nation, delivery of needed resources such as testing supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may be delayed. We are working with state and regional partners to obtain needed qualitative testing kits that would enable our Hospital Lab to provide rapid results. Moving forward this will be vital.

We are also working to secure sufficient levels of PPE to meet the needs in Trinity County for our essential workers and healthcare systems. We currently have sufficient PPE resources to meet the

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immediate need of our essential workers and our healthcare workers. We ask that the general public do not request surgical masks or medical grade respirators (N95).

Currently Trinity County PHB understands that cloth face coverings may help prevent spread of Coronavirus by pre-symptomatic persons, in that it prevents the wearer, who may not have symptoms, from infecting others when out in public.

Our PHB does not endorse or recommend any specific material or type of cloth face covering; however, The California Department of Public Health has provided guidance on the use of cloth face coverings by the general public when outside the home conducting essential activities:

- A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth.
- It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face.
- It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen.
- A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand, or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx>

This guidance does not substitute for existing Trinity County requirements of social distancing and quarantine/isolation, or other prevention measures put in place:

- Quarantined individuals (do not have illness or a positive test) – stay home unless leaving your home for essential needs such as groceries or medications.
- Isolated individuals (have illness or potentially have illness due to exposure) – must stay 6-10 feet away from others and must not go out in public except in the event of an emergency, and if leaving the home, must wear a mask.
- All persons must maintain social distance of 6 feet or more.
- Wipe down surfaces regularly, including counter-tops and grocery carts.
- Do not congregate in groups of people other than those who you are typically in close contact with (i.e. family)

We want to once again thank you for doing your part and complying with the statewide “stay-at-home” order issued by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020 and the self- quarantine and travel order issued by the Trinity County Health Officer on March 25, 2020.

For more information please visit [trinitycounty.org](http://trinitycounty.org).

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