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Glenn County Metrics Trigger Watchlist

Glenn County Health Public Health continues to see an increase in COVID-19 cases. As of June 29th, Glenn County has had a total of 103 confirmed COVID-19 cases to date. Currently 38 of the cases are active and the remaining 65 are recovered.

The surge in cases over the past 14 days has placed Glenn County above three of the State's allowable metrics, which include new case rate, test positivity rate, and number of daily tests. Glenn County continues to meet the State metrics for low hospitalization rates of cases, available hospital surge capacity, personal protective equipment available for frontline personnel, as well as, no deaths have been linked to COVID. "Glenn County is collaboratively working with our partners at California Department of Public Health to monitor the situation and implement strategies to decrease the spread of disease in our community," said Dr. Jared Garrison, Health Officer.

The recent cases continue to be linked to social gatherings, spread within the household, and spread occurring at worksites. Public Health has trained an additional 10 staff to assist with case contact tracing and has employed two additional nurses to assist with case investigation. "All positive cases are isolated for the duration of their infectious period and contacted daily by a Public Health staff person. Additionally, all people who had sustained contact with the positive case are identified and contacted by one of our trained Contact Tracers. Both case and case contacts are provided education and instructions for self-care and decreasing the spread of the disease through isolation, quarantine, hygiene, and use of face coverings," said Grinnell Norton, Deputy Director of Public Health.

"Transmission of COVID-19 is occurring in our community. It is important that we all take measures to slow the spread of the disease," said Dr. Jared Garrison.

The following are simple things each person can do to slow the spread of disease:

- Do not take part in social gatherings where close, sustained contact with family members and friends from other households would occur
- Practice physical distancing (Keep 6 feet apart)
- Wash your hands and disinfect surfaces
- Wear a mask when in public and when you are unable to physically distance from others
- Stay home if you're feeling sick
- Be aware and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and get tested if symptomatic

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