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Third and Fourth Deaths from COVID-19 Confirmed in Stanislaus County

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County Public Health has confirmed that two more Stanislaus County residents, an adult male and an adult female, have died due to COVID-19. Both had underlying medical conditions. No further details about this case will be shared due to patient privacy.

"In the past week, 65 new cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in Stanislaus County, some of them severely ill. While these deaths are not unexpected, we are still saddened by this loss of life. We wish to share our heartfelt condolence to the families and friends who have lost loved ones," says Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, Stanislaus County Public Health Officer. "We all need to continue to evaluate our own actions to ensure they are limited to essential services only so that we can continue to slow down the spread of the disease."

The total number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Stanislaus County is now at 146. As we continue to see more cases, it is critical that individuals and organizations take action in slowing the spread of the virus by following all applicable guidance and recommendations as issued.

To stop the spread of COVID-19 it is critical to adhere to these recommendations:

- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others.
 - Do not hold social visits and play dates with anyone outside of your household
 - Keep children that are at home entertained by playing games, reading books, or going for walks
 - o Only leave the house for essential medical supplies or groceries. Try to go when either early or later in the day when places are less likely to be crowded
 - o If you are over the age of 65, have a friend pick up groceries for you
 - o If you must visit your doctor, call ahead and see if they have telehealth options that allow you to interact with your doctor from home
- Avoid ALL non-essential activities that involve close contact with the general public
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol for at least 20 seconds
- Limit close contact with people who are sick. Try to stay at least 6 feet away from someone who is sick
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Do not share objects such as utensils, cups, food, and drink

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Stanislaus County Public Health continues to work closely with all our partners in the Emergency Operations Center to address the COVID-19 pandemic through guidance provided by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health, and other partners. For the most up-to-date information, please visit:

CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html.

CDPH: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx

Stanislaus County: http://schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/

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