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Health Alert

Coronavirus Disease 2019 – Update 5

With available expanded testing capacity in Stanislaus County, any person with symptoms of possible COVID-19 should be tested. County supported sample collection sites open to the public are running in Salida, Keyes, and Patterson. Additionally, other healthcare organizations have COVID-19 sample collection sites either for their own patients or open to the general public.

Please refer to latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria for evaluation and testing of COVID-19. Persons who are being tested should be presumed to be infectious and given instructions for strict home isolation until they receive a negative test result.

COVID-19 testing through the public health laboratory is still available for select indications (see below). Stanislaus County Public Health is not able to obtain specimens for testing or evaluate patients directly.

Guidance for Stanislaus County Clinicians:

Suggested criteria for community testing (PCR)

- All people with symptoms of a possible infection with COVID-19, including: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat.

Indications for testing at the public health laboratory – contact public health before sample collection

1. Signs/symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection as described above in:
 - Any healthcare worker (defined as a person providing direct clinical care to patients)
 - A person residing in a congregate living setting
 - First Responders
2. Anyone with signs/symptoms of severe acute respiratory illness (e.g. pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization.

Report COVID -19 positive cases to Stanislaus County Public Health immediately

- Monday - Friday 8 AM – 5 PM call (209) 558-5678
- Afterhours and weekends, call (209) 664-6032

Additional Information:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC: Evaluating and testing persons for COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>
- CDC: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare settings: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html
- CDPH: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Stanislaus County Health Services Agency: <http://schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/>

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