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TITLE: Madera County Department of Public Health Reports Confirmed Case of Coronavirus/COVID-19

On March 19th, Madera County Department of Public Health received testing results confirming two cases of COVID-19 in two individuals within the same family in Madera County. These individuals did not travel outside of the state or country and are the first known cases of community transmission in Madera County. The patients are currently in stable condition. Due to protected health information requirements and to protect the patient's identity, we are not able to further disclose information about these COVID-19 cases. These cases are being investigated by communicable disease staff. Contact tracing and active monitoring are ongoing.

In response to these cases and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Madera County, Interim Public Health Officer Dr. Eric Sergienko has issued two health orders effective immediately. The first order limits large and small scale events and gatherings and closes bars, nightclubs, gyms, and theaters. The second order outlines requirements for health care providers, employers, and residents in regards to monitoring, testing, and treating febrile respiratory illness. Both orders are in effect until April 30, 2020.

"We encourage businesses, agencies, healthcare professionals, employers, and residents to implement these Health Orders as soon as possible – Working together, we can slow to spread of COVID-19 in Madera County and the Central Valley," said Dr. Sergienko.

Madera County Department of Public Health urges residents to continue to take the necessary precautionary measures to protect against COVID-19. Utilize flu prevention techniques including to remembering to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use sanitizer; covering coughs and sneezes; and sanitizing surfaces. If you are sick or within a high risk group, stay home. For the complete health orders, frequently asked questions, and more information regarding COVID-19, please visit www.maderacounty.com/covid19.

