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## **Daily COVID-19 Update**

### **State Health & Emergency Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Facts**

*California now has 69 confirmed cases of COVID-19*

SACRAMENTO –The California Department of Public Health today announced the most recent statistics on COVID-19. California now has 69 confirmed cases.

For more information on COVID-19 and California’s response visit [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov).

### **COVID-19 in California by the Numbers (as of 10 a.m. Pacific Time):**

69– Positive cases

1 – Death

24 – Cases of positive tests related to federal repatriation flights

45 – Cases not related to repatriation flights

- 22 - Travel-related
- 12 - Person to person
- 9 - Community transmission
- 2 – Currently under investigation

9,900+ – number of people self-monitoring who returned to the U.S. through SFO or LAX

49 – Number of local health jurisdictions involved in self-monitoring

15 – Labs with test kits

### **How Can People Protect Themselves:**

Every person has a role to play. So much of protecting yourself and your family comes down to common sense:

- Washing hands with soap and water.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Following guidance from public health officials.

### **What to Do if You Think You’re Sick:**

- Call ahead: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19 or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call

your health care provider or local public health department first before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

### **California's Response to COVID-19:**

We have been actively and extensively planning with our local public health and health care delivery systems. Here are some of the things we are already doing:

- As in any public health event, the California Department of Public Health's Medical and Health Coordination Center has been activated and is coordinating public health response efforts across the state.
- California continues to prepare and respond in coordination with federal and local partners, hospitals and physicians.
- Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.
- Governor Gavin Newsom requested the Legislature make up to \$20 million available for state government to respond to the spread of COVID-19.
- California activated the State Operations Center to its highest level to coordinate response efforts across the state.
- 24 million more Californians are now eligible for free medically necessary COVID-19 testing.
- California made available some of its emergency planning reserves of 21 million N95 filtering facepiece masks for use in certain health care settings to ease shortages of personal protective equipment.
- The Public Health Department is providing information, guidance documents, and technical support to local health departments, health care facilities, providers, schools, universities, colleges, and childcare facilities across California.
- The Public Health Department is coordinating with federal authorities and local health departments that have implemented screening, monitoring and, in some cases quarantine of returning travelers.
- In coordination with the CDC, state and local health departments, we are actively responding to cases of COVID-19.
- The Public Health Department is supporting hospitals and local public health laboratories in the collection of specimens and testing for COVID-19.
- The California Department of Public Health's state laboratory in Richmond and 14 other public health department laboratories now have tests for the virus that causes COVID-19.

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