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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

**Marin County COVID-19 status update: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



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**COVID-19 activity in Marin:**

**Marin County Emergency Operations Center COVID-19 Dashboard**

Marin Confirmed Cases:	<b>60</b>
Marin Deaths:	<b>0</b>
Marin Persons Tested ( <i>at point of testing site</i> ):	<b>578</b>
Marin Hospitalizations:	<b>6</b>
California Confirmed Cases:	<b>2,588</b>
California Deaths:	<b>53</b>

Marin County Public Health continues to advance policies to limit community spread and support our excellent healthcare partners' capacity to respond. For more visit our [Marin HHS Data website](#).

**School closures extended through May 1, 2020**

Marin County has aligned with seven Bay Area county health officers, and county superintendents to make a unified, regional decision to extend school closures and student dismissals from regular school attendance through May 1, 2020 to slow the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) to the maximum extent. The safety and wellness of students, school personnel, and the community are the highest priorities of all schools and districts in these six counties.

School facilities may remain open to staff for the purposes of performing tasks deemed essential by the school district and the county offices of education. Education will continue through flexible learning, meals will continue to be provided and, where possible, childcare may be arranged.

**COVID-19 testing capacity**

Disease transmission is increasing in Marin County; but testing capacity remains limited. Marin County Public Health is working with local hospitals, regional, state, and commercial laboratories to increase local testing capacity. We are also investigating alternative testing options, but we will only approve accurate diagnostic testing solutions. This week the [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) approved point-of-care COVID-19 testing, which we hope to see online in our community in the next 2 weeks. Marin County Public Health only recommends testing for symptomatic individuals.

**Covid-19 preparedness: Medical surge planning**

Marin County's [Healthcare Preparedness Program](#) has been working closely with hospitals to advance medical surge planning. The Marin

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has established a Medical Surge Task Force, which includes Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS), Marin Fire, and the [North Bay Incident Management Team](#). This Task Force is operationalizing the County's Healthcare Surge Plan, Medical Health Annex, and Pandemic Flu Plan. We are identifying action items and decision points for each level of surge – minor, moderate, severe, and catastrophic. Planning includes review of pre-hospital care, field triage, hospital surge, allocation of scarce resources, patient care standards, alternate care sites, and regional transfers.

**A message from your Deputy Public Health Officer**

For today's update, Dr. Lisa Santora talks about the extension of school closures through May 1, 2020 and the extensive planning taking place for the anticipated medical surge.



(Click on the photo or [watch the video on YouTube](#))

**Where to get the latest information:**

Visit the official Marin County Coronavirus webpage ([MarinHHS.org/coronavirus](#)) to review answers to frequently asked questions, access guidance for special groups and subscribe for email updates. To view past status updates concerning COVID-19 activity in Marin County, click on the resources tab on the Coronavirus webpage.

Have questions? Individuals can contact Marin Health and Human Services with non-medical questions about the coronavirus by calling (415) 473-7191 (Monday – Friday, 9:30am to 12-noon and 1pm to 5pm).