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



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## **Marin County COVID-19 status update: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **COVID-19 activity in Marin:**

- There is one case of COVID-19 in Marin County.
- 14 individuals have been tested.
  - 4 have negative results
  - 1 has positive results
  - 8 results are pending
  - 1 is under investigation
- All 56 Marin residents who traveled on the Grand Princess – Mexican Riviera voyage have been contacted. 2 are hospitalized with symptoms, and results are pending.
- As of March 8, there are no confirmed cases of local transmission in Marin County.
- As of March 8, there are 114 cases and one death in California, according to the [California Department of Public Health](https://www.cdph.ca/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/Pages/20200303-04.aspx).

### **Increasing Our Testing Capacity:**

- Testing capacity will increase significantly this week.
- We are currently able to test patients who meet criteria for testing based on exposure risk and symptoms. Most patients with respiratory symptoms do not meet criteria for testing at this time.
- Two commercial laboratories have announced they have capacity for COVID-19 testing starting Monday, March 9.
- The Marin-Napa-Solano-Yolo joint regional public health laboratory has received 90 tests, available starting March 9.
- Testing remains available at the California Department of Public Health and CDC laboratories.
- Marin County Public Health is planning “one stop” testing for COVID-19 at a single location, on a referral basis from any county clinicians.
- Our Emergency Operations Center has been working around the clock on planning around Marin County’s response to COVID-19.

### **Guidance for Large Gatherings:**

One of the most pressing questions we’re facing is the management of large community events. We recognize that gathering together is vital to community wellbeing and would not take any recommendation to cancel events lightly.

Yesterday, the California Department of Public Health issued [guidance on large events](#), which will guide our local response. Based on these guidelines, we are not yet recommending cancelations of large events. However, those that are 65 years of age or older or those with a weakened immune system are encouraged to refrain from attending gatherings of 100 or more people.

Event organizers can also consult the CDC's [interim guidance](#) on hosting large events.

**Where to get your information on COVID-19:**

MarinHHS.org/coronavirus is the official County website for centralized information about the current coronavirus emergency. Visit the [Marin County Coronavirus webpage](#) to review answers to frequently asked questions or subscribe to receive email updates. 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) or emailing [COVID-19@marincounty.org](mailto:COVID-19@marincounty.org).