Marin County COVID-19 status update: March 9th, 2020

COVID-19 activity in Marin:

- There is one case of COVID-19 in Marin County (affecting a Marin County Resident).
- 15 individuals have been tested.
  - 4 have negative results
  - 1 has positive results
  - 10 test results are pending
- All 56 Marin residents who traveled on the Grand Princess – Mexican Riviera voyage have been contacted. 3 are hospitalized with symptoms, and results are pending.
- To date, Marin health officials are awaiting confirmation from CDC and CDPH on whether there are any Marin County residents on the Grand Princess Cruise at the Port of Oakland.
- As of March 9, there are no confirmed cases of local transmission in Marin County.
- As of March 9, there are 133 cases and one death in California, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Increased Testing Capacity:

- Testing capacity will continue to increase 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.
- Marin County Public Health is launching "one stop" testing for COVID-19 at a single location, on a referral basis from any Marin county clinicians. (Do not come to a testing facility without being referred by a clinician within the county).
- Two commercial laboratories are now supporting testing for COVID-19.
- The Marin-Napa-Solano-Yolo joint regional public health laboratory has received 90 tests.
- Testing remains available at the California Department of Public Health and CDC laboratories.
- Our Emergency Operations Center has been working around the clock on planning around Marin County’s response to COVID-19.

Guidance for Large Gatherings:

Out of an abundance of caution, the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is recommending the cancellation or postponement of
nonessential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people to prevent the spread of COVID-19, commonly called the novel coronavirus. This recommendation is in place for two weeks and will be re-evaluated as new information becomes available.

Marin HHS’ Public Health Division is not making the same recommendation for outdoor events at this time because the risk for transmission outdoors is low.

For further guidance on large gatherings, please refer to our news release.

Where to find 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