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August 13 Lake County COVID-19 Update

Summary:

- 267 Total Confirmed Cases, to date
- 37 Active Confirmed Cases (“Active” means COVID-19 positive, current monitoring by Public Health staff)
- 0 Hospitalized, 2 Deaths (Reported July 3 and August 5)
- 97% of Californians face more business restrictions, Case Rate approached “Watch List” range this week
- Prepare Now for Wildfires: Informational Videos Available in English and Spanish
- Progress being made on testing delays, now 5-7 day turnaround; LabCorp has at-home tests with quick turnaround

Lake County, CA (August 13, 2020) — A recent uptick in cases has placed us closer to the State’s Watch List, but overall COVID-19 activity remains manageable in Lake County. We have documented 267 total cases, with 47 new cases (about 8 per day) confirmed since our last report of August 7. 37 are Active at this time (up 13 from August 7). No patients are currently hospitalized, and we continue to mourn 2 tragic COVID-19-related deaths.

County Monitoring List (“Watch List”) Status

Lake County is not on the State’s County Monitoring List, and local residents enjoy a more open economy than 97% of Californians. However, the increase in cases this week led to a State-reported peak 14-day average of 114 cases/100,000. As of this morning, our average had returned to 70, well within the State’s threshold.

The brief rise in cases over the monitoring threshold does not appear to be leading to Lake moving toward the “Watch List.” Three consecutive days are required. But, it is a good reminder of just how vulnerable we are to minor fluctuations that can lead to big changes. More data and information can be found here:

<https://lake-co-ca-coronavirus-response-lakecoca.hub.arcgis.com>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19CountyMonitoringOverview.aspx>

Evacuations and Sheltering in Light of COVID-19: Prepare Now

English Video: <https://www.facebook.com/lakesheriff/videos/227858281749546/>

Spanish Video: <https://www.facebook.com/lakesheriff/videos/700125153876471/>

Testing Delays Improved, Now Averaging 5-7 Days; LabCorp Has At-Home Testing, 2-3 Day Turnaround

Lake County residents have recently reported delays of 7-10 days, with some receiving results upward of two weeks after testing. Modifications made by Quest Labs have decreased backlogs, and turnaround now averages 5-7 days.

Verily testing remains available 5 days/week in Lake County, and you can register for an appointment here:

<https://www.projectbaseline.com>

LabCorp has at-home testing kits, with a reported average turnaround time of 2-3 days:

<https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test>

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