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Promoting an Optimal State of Wellness in Lake County

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August 7 Lake County COVID-19 Update

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Summary:

- 220 Total Confirmed Cases, to date
- 24 Active Confirmed Cases (“Active” means COVID-19 positive, current monitoring by Public Health staff)
- 0 Hospitalized, 2 Deaths (Reported July 3 and August 5)
- Lake County is not on the State’s Monitoring List – 97% of Californians face more business restrictions
- Frontline workers in stores, frequently interacting with public at more risk; Tools available for businesses
- Testing Delays Continue, Action is Being Taken; LabCorp offering at-home testing

Lake County, CA (August 7, 2020) — Overall COVID-19 activity remains manageable in Lake County. We have documented 220 total cases, with 25 new cases confirmed since our last report of July 31. 24 are active at this time (up 3 from July 31). No patients are currently hospitalized, but we have now documented 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. We are in good shape with regard to State metrics at this time, but must remain vigilant for the long haul.

Testing Delays Continue, Action is Being Taken

Test results are most valuable when we have a quick turnaround. Lake County residents have recently reported delays of 7-10 days or even greater. Quest labs modified their sample evaluation procedures, and have outsourced more work to other labs. Their backlogs are reportedly decreasing:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/04/us/virus-testing-delays.html>

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>

Frontline workers in stores, those interacting with the public at greater risk; Tool Available for Businesses

Recent trends in Lake County and statewide data have shown frontline workers in retail businesses and other fields requiring public contact are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19. These tools offer guidance for businesses:

<http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/Departments/Health/Public+Health+Division/COVID-19/Business/WorkTool.pdf>

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/employer-playbook-for-safe-reopening--en.pdf>

Thank you for continuing to support one another, take precautions, and do your part to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

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