Lassen COVID-19: Incident Command

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SUBJECT: Public Health Reports Lassen County Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

The Lassen County Public Health Department is reporting that they have identified two individuals from the same household who have tested positive for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). These individuals were immediately placed on quarantine and tested locally. Close contacts are being notified to quarantine for 14 days.

Lassen County Public Health is working closely with local community partners to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is our priority to protect the privacy of the individuals during this time of illness.

What does it mean to be a "close contact" of a person with or likely to have COVID-19:
1. Were within 6 feet of person who has or is likely to have COVID-19 for more than ten minutes
2. Had unprotected contact with the body fluids and/or secretions (such as being coughed on/sneezed on, shared utensils or salvia or provided care without wearing protective equipment) of a person who has or is likely to have COVID-19

Lassen County Public Health's main focus is the safety of our community. It is critical that every person follow the Public Health Officer's guidance
- Avoid other groups
- Enjoy activities individually or in small household groups.
- Exercise and recreate close to home
- Minimize contact with others
- Use good personal protective measures
- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often
- Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet
- Cover mouths with an elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Lassen County is still working with the State to move our community forward into reopening. For additional information and updates, please visit our website at www.lassencares.org and the LassenCares Facebook page. If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please call the Lassen County COVID-19 call center at (530) 251-8100 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.