



Lassen COVID-19: Incident Command



DAILY UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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To date, the Lassen County COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) total tests are as follows:

0 – Known cases
49 - Negative
5 - Pending
54 – Total Tests

Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made additional recommendations for wearing face masks during the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic. CDC provides the following information regarding homemade masks:

- Wear cloth face coverings where you can't maintain other social distancing measures (shopping in stores).
- Simple cloth coverings can slow the spread of the virus.
- Children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or unable to remove their own mask should not use cloth face coverings.
- Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, but allows those resources to be reserved for healthcare working and medical first responders.

For those that are looking for a simple way to create a mask, CDC has provided step-by-step instructions for both "sew" and "no sew" masks at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

There are many resources and tutorials on YouTube for making face coverings at home. There are many different styles that include pockets for filters and space for a metal nose piece. If you are planning on donating homemade masks, be sure to wash fabric before sewing, wash and dry masks after making them, and put each mask in its own bag (sandwich bag or paper lunch sack).

Banner Lassen Medical Center and Banner Health Clinic are gratefully accepting donations of homemade masks for their team members. They have a process in place to safely receive, sort these masks and then distribute them in our hospital and clinic. Please drop them off at the screening station. (Note these will not be worn by Healthcare Providers directly caring for COVID-19 patients, nor in any procedure rooms or Isolation areas.)

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 am to 5:00 pm.