



Lassen COVID-19: Incident Command

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The Lassen County COVID-19 Incident Command would like to explain some of the steps we have taken to prepare for any impact our community may experience. First, an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was established to coordinate the local response. Second, the Lassen County Incident Command for COVID-19 created an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and can be found using the QR code below. Last, over the past couple weeks the team at Banner Lassen Medical Center has been preparing for the potential impact that COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic may have on the health system within Lassen County. Their priority is the safety of our healthcare workers, patients and the community. At this time, they have not experienced an increase in patient census and volumes due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic.

Many residents have concerns about our rural county's response to meet the recommendations for social distancing. The Modoc County Sheriff's Department released the attached infographic entitled, *Fun Things that the Social Distancing Scoreboard doesn't not take into account for Rural Counties*. It explains, "In some rural counties, essential employees account for 75% of the workforce, so very little would change in their day to day patterns." Emergency Services, Local Government, and State and Federal Institutions make up the vast majority of employment in Lassen County. Most of these workers have been reclassified to different positions within the emergency structure while others continuing to work through these extraordinary circumstances. As the infographic states, "Many people carry a work phone and a personal phone which will look like they are socializing but in fact are not."

Incident Command and local health care providers are working around the clock to increase our capacity and ability to respond to the potential impact COVID-19 may have on the health care system and the community. We appreciate your efforts in following the social distancing recommendations and the stay at home order.

USE THIS QR CODE FOR THE LOCAL INCIDENT ACTION PLAN (IAP):

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