



# Lassen COVID-19: Incident Command



## DAILY UPDATE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 4/21/20  
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TIME: 5:00 PM

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

0 - Known cases  
98 - Negative  
3 - Pending  
101 – Total Tests

Yesterday at 5:00 pm, Richard Egan, the Public Information Officer, and Helen May, the Senior Nurse for Public Health, held a live Facebook broadcast to provide an update to the public and answer questions live from viewers at home and frequently asked questions from the call center. The following is a compilation from these queries:

### **Why are there so few tests in Lassen County compared to other counties in our state?**

- Testing is based on symptoms and tracing protocol following a positive test.

### **What is the protocol for testing?**

- Health care providers can order patients to be tested based upon their symptoms and federal/state guidelines.

### **What if a person is tested in another location?**

- Any Lassen County resident that is tested in another county or state will have test results reported back to Lassen County. If a resident from another county is tested in Lassen County, the results will be sent back to the county of residence.

### **If out of town vendors have drivers that test positive what is the protocol for informing Lassen County Public Health?**

- Lassen County Public Health is working with all private businesses by following interstate protocols to maintain reporting of possible exposures.

### **When will the non-essential businesses be able to open and serve the community?**

- Lassen County and city leadership will be working with partner agencies to determine when it will be safe to resume operations of non-essential businesses.

### **What is the recommendation for team sports and facilities opening?**

- Recreating and participation in sports teams, as well as opening facilities, will be based on recommendations and guidelines by the Lassen County Health Officer, Dr. Korver.

To view the full video for more detailed answers to the questions above, please visit our LassenCares facebook page. If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please visit the [lassencares.org](http://lassencares.org) website or call the Lassen County COVID-19 call center at (530) 251-8100 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.