



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

102 - Negative

8 - Pending

110 - Total Tests

Lassen County's Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is asking for everyone to show their support by raising awareness to help prevent child abuse by coloring a pinwheel, making a pinwheel display or garden, to recognize those who help children and families every day. You can share your pictures using: **#PinwheelsforPrevention**.

In honor of children across the United States and those close to home who have been lost to violence, a virtual Children's Memorial Flag raising will take place on Friday, April 24th, at 10:00 am. Please join us on Lassen Cares and SusanvilleStuff.com for the live feed of the flag raising and a moment of silence. We are also asking for everyone to wear blue for our kids this Friday. You can share your pictures using: **#WearBlueforKids**.

The Director of Community Social Services, Jenna Aguilera, would like the public to know that "as the month of April nears its end, our work to prevent child abuse does not. It is imperative to say that in times of crisis and economic insecurity, rates of child abuse and neglect increase." She notes that reports to Lassen County's Child and Family Services have declined during the COVID-19 pandemic but "when children stay at home, they are isolated from places where adults often look out for their safety and well-being including schools, child care facilities, places of worship and other public areas."

We remind all adults and community members to be aware of their responsibility to protect children. You are essential to keeping our children safe during this time. Lassen County has created flyers for you to find information on how to recognize that a child is unsafe and respond. These resources are designed for essential workers, school professionals, and the general public. You can find them on Lassencares.org.

Also during this time, our elderly and dependent adults are at a higher risk for abuse and isolation. If you suspect elder or dependent adult abuse, please call Adult Protective Services: during business hours at 251-8158.

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.