**State’s Issues with Routing Electronic Laboratory Reporting:**

In a letter dated August 4th, 2020, by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to “Laboratories Performing SARS-CoV-2 Testing”, James Watt, the Chief of the Division of Communicable Disease Control, reported that the state is having an issue with the system for reporting COVID-19 test results. Specifically, the letter stated CDPH is having issues with “routing electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) submissions to our disease surveillance system (CalREDIE).”

**How does this impact our community?**

CDPH believes the issues began around July 25th and could impact local health departments’ ability to investigate cases and conduct contact tracing. These are two activities vital to slowing the spread of COVID-19. **This is not impacting the clients ability to receive their results.** It does impact the information getting to the local public health departments.

**What is being done to correct the issue:**

CDPH working in partnership with the California Department of Technology (CDT) cleared the CalREDIE backlog.

CDPH and CDT will work to fine tune the system and add additional capacity for intake and processing of records. Some solutions include: running simultaneous systems to provide a cross check on data validation, reviewing various input mechanisms to ensure there are no issues, and adding quality assurance measures across the system to include notification procedures for escalating issues.

The Lassen County Public Health Department (LCPHD) has the unique ability to manually calculate the case numbers locally. Once the information is verified, it is released on Lassencares.org.

Department staff are requesting that if a resident has received a positive test but have not been contacted by a public health nurse, please call the COVID-19 Call Center at 251-8100.
The States County Monitoring List:

Lassencares.org has received a lot of questions about the difference between the state Watchlist and the County Monitoring List. We are going to answer some of those questions and provide a status update for Lassen County.

What is the difference between the Watchlist and the Monitoring List?
The State places counties on the Watchlist if they are experiencing an influx of new cases. Once a county is placed on the list, they are monitored for three (3) days. If the rate of new cases slows down or the county is able to contain the spread of the virus, they will be removed from the list.

If a county remains on the Watchlist for longer than three (3) days, the State moves them to the County Monitoring List.

How does it impact our community to be put on the Monitoring List?
A county added to the County Monitoring List for three (3) consecutive days will be required to shut down the following industries and activities unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up:

- Gyms and fitness centers
- Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals
- Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors
- Personal care services, like nail salons and body waxing
- Hair salons and barber shops
- Shopping malls
- Shops that offer tattoos, piercings and electrolysis

How does the state determine who is on the Monitoring List?
The State monitors county case rates in the past 14 days and the test positivity rate to determine whether a county will be placed on the monitoring list.

Counties on the monitoring list need to impose more restrictive community measures which are negotiated with the state based on the spread and transmission of the virus in that specific area/county.

1) Case rate (per 100,000) >100.
2) Case rate (per 100,000) >25 AND testing positivity >.80%

What is Lassen County’s status currently with the state?
To date, Lassen County has not been placed on the Watchlist or the County Monitoring List. To view the list of counties placed on the list, please visit: https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/
State Resources:
- Industry Guidance: covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/
- Agriculture and livestock
- Auto dealerships
- Communications infrastructure
- Construction
- Delivery services
- Energy and utilities
- Food packing
- Hotels and lodging
- Etc.

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Local Plans:
- LassenCares.org:
  Lassen County Incident Action Plan
  Lassen County Roadmap to Recovery

Local Resources:
- LassenCares.org:
  Guidance and Fact Sheets under “Roadmap to Recovery”
  Child Care
  Close Contact
  Restaurants
  Dine-in Restaurants
  Fitness Center
  Retail
  Business Checklist

Survey Link:

Incident Action Plan:
The Lassen County Incident Command released the Incident Action Plan to the public. This document is updated based upon the evolving circumstances. To review the plan, please visit:
https://m.box.com/shared_item/https%3A%2F%2Fcaliforniaall.gov%2Ffiles%2Fwj6bjiyar1qtkwkkq/brow...
Message about Schooling in Lassen County:

The Public Health Department is working together with each individual school district to develop a plan specific to their district.

A majority of schools have submitted their plans to their board of trustees. A few are still pending board approval. All of them offer some form of in-person and distance learning.

The guidance, released from the state regarding education, is everchanging and school administrators are working tirelessly to make sure their plans meet the state requirements. As school plans are approved, they will be released to the public. Please reach out to your school district for a copy or an update on the planning process. Lassencares is working to get the school start dates to publish on the website.