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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory
25 New Cases of Confirmed COVID-19 in Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 25 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Because testing limitations still exist the best approach is to practice social distancing at every opportunity, assuming that many people can be infected.

Additional case information:
- Five cases have an unidentified source of exposure.
- One case was exposed during recent travel.
- One case had close contact with a confirmed case.
- Seventeen of these cases are pending more investigation.
- One is the case reported by the Pasadena Health Department yesterday.

To date, Public Health has identified 94 cases; of these, 15 cases are likely due to community transmission. Two of the cases confirmed today were hospitalized. Cases are occurring across LA County, so everyone should be aware and practice social distancing.

Public Health is investigating these cases and will notify close contacts who are household members, intimate partners and healthcare professionals to assess and monitor them for signs and symptoms of illness. All confirmed cases are being isolated and close contacts are quarantined.

"We are seeing a significant increase in cases and evidence of community spread as more testing occurs," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Los Angeles County Public Health Director. "We are implementing more social distancing requirements and we expect everyone to do their part."

Public Health has issued the following guidance during this time of increased spread:
- Avoid non-essential travel, public gatherings, and places where large groups of people congregate.
- Event organizers postpone or cancel non-essential gatherings of 50 or more until at least the end of March.
- Limit gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (people older than 65, pregnant women, and those with chronic illness) to no more than 10 people.
- This guidance does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services, including public transportation, airport travel or shopping.
- If you are mildly sick with a fever, stay home and call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick.
- Exclude employees and visitors with any fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms and visitors with recent travel to any country or region with significant community transmission (including communities in the US) from all schools, businesses, and gatherings of any size.
- Follow all social distancing recommendations issued by Public Health.

Additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website.

Please see the locations were cases have occurred:

	Total Cases
Laboratory Confirmed Cases (LCC)	**94**
-- Los Angeles County (excl. LB and Pas)	87
-- Long Beach	5
-- Pasadena	2
CITY	
Alhambra	2
Arcadia	1
Beverly Hills	1
Boyle Heights	5
Carson	1
Culver City	2
Diamond Bar	2
Encino	3
Gardena	1
Glendale	2
Glendora	1
Granada Hills	3
Inglewood	2
Koreatown	1
La Mirada	2
Lancaster	1
Manhattan Beach	3
Melrose	2
Northridge	1
San Dimas	1
San Pedro	1
Santa Clarita and Stevenson Ranch	3
Santa Monica	1
Sherman Oaks	2
Silverlake	1
South Pasadena	1
Tarzana	5
Torrance	2
Venice	1
West Adams	1
West Hills	3
West Hollywood	5
West Vernon	1
Westchester	1
Los Angeles City (Neighborhood <25,000)	11
Still Investigating	11

The public should not think one location is safer than the other. Cases are occurring across LA County, so everyone should be aware and practice social distancing.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:
  http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/
- California Department of Public Health:
  https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- World Health Organization https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

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