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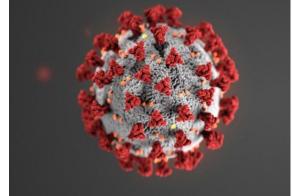
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2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS - (COVID-19) UPDATE

VALLEJO, CA – The City of Vallejo and <u>Solano County Public Health</u> are monitoring local conditions and circumstances associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus. Solano Public Health is working with local, state, and federal partners to identify, notify and monitor individuals who may have been exposed to the virus. While this is considered a serious public health threat, **the risk to Solano County residents and the general public is low at this time.** The City will remain engaged with Solano County and provide updates and links at www.cityofvallejo.net/NCOV.

The Coronavirus has been designated by the World Health Organization as COVID-19. As per Solano County Public Health (SCPH), there continues to be a significant increase in the number of people infected with this virus in mainland China with over 76,000 cases reported and more than 2,250 deaths. The number of infected persons outside of China as of this date is 400, three resulting in death, with a total of 15 confirmed in the United States. To date, the Bay Area has five confirmed cases of COVID-19, including one confirmed this week in Solano County.



An additional 30 passengers repatriated from the Cruise Ship, Diamond Princess, have tested positive for COVID-19; however, these cases are pending Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmation. Passengers from the Diamond Princess Cruise ship are now at Travis Air Force Base, where they will complete a 14-day quarantine. The Department of Health & Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are the lead federal agencies whose staff will continue to provide staffing and food and medical care for those individuals quarantined at Travis Air Force Base.

This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and Solano Public Health will provide additional updated information as it becomes available on their website.

The health and well-being of the community remains the City's top priority. At this time, there is no need to cancel business or social events. There is no current threat to the general public in the United States, and there are no restrictions on public gatherings. Although the increasing number of infections in China are concerning, we should all support avoiding stereotypes or discriminating actions and practice good health hygiene by staying home from business-related events and other social events when we are ill.

There are simple everyday preventive actions that the Center for Disease Control recommends to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (sing the ABC's or Happy Birthday).
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Get a flu shot to protect yourself and other from the flu, which has similar symptoms to COVID-19.

The most up-to-date information concerning the COVID-19 may be obtained from Solano County Public Health by visiting their <u>website</u>, which is routinely updated to ensure the most current information is available to the public, or by calling (707) 784-8600.

About City of Vallejo

The City of Vallejo, California is located in the Bay Area. The City serves a population nearly 122,000 people with a full service operation that includes police, fire, water, community planning, public works and related professional administrative services. The city is home to a wealth of culture, attractions and events from the popular theme park Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, to museums, parks, music venues, art galleries and theaters. One of the great small towns of Northern California, Vallejo's residents, businesses and City Council are working together to help make Vallejo a safe and clean place to live, work and to enjoy all the attractions and events.

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