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Updates on COVID-19 Cases

The Tuolumne County Public Health Department has been investigating 3 cases of COVID-19 which were identified this weekend.

Two cases, in a 70-year-old woman and a 29-year-old man, are related. They have cooperated fully with the case investigation and contact tracing, and all close contacts have been identified and notified. All close contacts are quarantined at home.

The most recent case, in a 64-year-old woman, is unrelated to the two cases mentioned above. The Tuolumne County Health Department has conducted a case investigation and has attempted to communicate with all identified close contacts. The 64-year-old woman attended a baby shower and a birthday barbeque in the county on June 20th, and a large number of individuals have been exposed. The case patient has been fully cooperative with the investigation. Many of the close contacts have been fully cooperative and will be quarantined at home and have been instructed to obtain appropriate testing.

Unfortunately, some of the contacts have not cooperated with the investigation and are not cooperating with instructions to quarantine at home and obtain appropriate testing. As a result, the department has not been able to identify all contacts and has not been able to inform them of their risk.

If you think you may have attended one of the gatherings on Saturday, June 20th, and would like further information on keeping yourself safe and obtaining prioritized testing, please call Tuolumne County Public Health's COVID-19 Call Center at (209) 533-7440.

It is important to follow Public Health recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes:

- Avoiding gatherings with anyone outside of your household
- Wearing a face covering
- Practicing physical distancing
- Washing your hands frequently

Public Health continues to recommend that individuals in the following categories get tested for COVID-19:

- Those who work with the public and/or work in an essential critical infrastructure job (test every 14-28 days)

- Those who have participated in gatherings with people outside of their household, including those which are constitutionally protected, such as places of worship or protests (test 3-5 days after the gathering)
- Those who have traveled outside the county (test 3-5 days after travel)

No-cost testing is available at the state testing site in Angels Camp.

Schedule an appointment here: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> Walk-ins are also accepted.