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State Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Facts

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Public Health today announced the most recent statistics on COVID-19. California now has 18,309 confirmed cases and 492 deaths.

Racial Demographics
This initial information, representing 54 percent of COVID-19 cases and 53 percent of deaths, shows the race and ethnicity data is roughly in line with the diversity of California overall:

- Latinos: 30% of cases and 26% of deaths (39% of the state’s population)
- Whites: 34% of cases and 38% of deaths (37% of the state’s population)
- African Americans/Blacks: 7% of cases and 8% of deaths (6% of the state’s population)
- Asians: 13% of cases and 8% of deaths (15% of the state’s population)
- Multiracial: 2% of cases and 1.5% of deaths (2% of the state’s population)
- American Indians or Alaska Natives: 0.2% of cases and 0.4% of deaths (0.5% of the states’ population)
- Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders: 2% of cases and 0.8% of deaths (0.3% of the state’s population)
- Other: 13% of cases and 8% of deaths (N/A)

Health Care Worker Infection Rates
As of April 8, local health departments have reported 1,803 confirmed positive cases in health care workers: this includes on-the-job exposures, and other exposures, such as travel and close family contact.

As testing capacity ramps up, and more tests are being conducted directly in physician’s offices and processed through commercial laboratories, local public health officials will not be able to report the source of exposure for every affected health care worker. We will release the larger number of health care workers affected by COVID-19.

Testing in California
As of April 8, approximately 177,600 tests had been conducted in California. At least
163,704 results have been received and another 13,900 are pending. These numbers include data California has received from commercial, private and academic labs, including Quest, LabCorp, Kaiser, University of California and Stanford, and the 22 state and county health labs currently testing.

How People Can Protect Themselves
Every person has a role to play. Protecting yourself and your family comes down to common sense:

- Staying home except for essential needs/activities.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering a cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or disposable tissue. Wash your hands afterward.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Following guidance from public health officials.
What to Do if You Think You’re Sick
Call ahead: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or shortness of breath) and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19, or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call your health care provider before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

For more information on COVID-19 and California’s response visit the California Department of Public Health website.

More information about what Californians can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is available at www.covid19.ca.gov.

California continues to issue guidance on preparing and protecting California from COVID-19. Consolidated guidance is available at www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19guidance.

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