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Plumas County has seven new positive COVID-19 cases, four of which are related

Plumas County Public Health received notification of seven (7) new positive COVID-19 test results today. Cases #55, #56, #57 and #58 are a part of a cluster of cases in the Northern (Indian Valley) region. As a result of the contact tracing investigation it appears the positive Plumas County individuals were exposed to COVID-19 during a multi-generational social gathering with a positive COVID-19 individual from outside the county. The investigation is still ongoing with more individuals currently being tested. If additional exposed residents are identified during the investigation, they will be contacted by a member of the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team for further screening.

Positive case #59 is from the Southern Region (American Valley), positive case #60 is from the Eastern Region (Portola/Graeagle) and positive case #61 is from the Northern Region (Indian Valley). Contact tracing and case investigation has started and there is nothing to indicate there are any connections to the cluster of cases in the northern region. Again, if additional exposed residents are identified during the investigation, they will be contacted by a member of the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team for further screening.

The seven new positive cases may affect the county's yellow tier status. The data that determines which tier a county falls is based on two health metrics: a case rate per 100,000 residents and the percentage of COVID-19 tests that come back positive. Plumas County may move to a more restrictive tier; such as orange or red, if Plumas County is unable to meet the criteria for the yellow tier for two consecutive weeks. The state calculates the positive cases by the date the individual was tested; not when Plumas County received notification of the positive test. Therefore, at this time it is unknown how the seven new positive cases will impact the county's tier status.

In order to continue to stay in the yellow tier and do yellow well, Plumas County should continue to practice the following:

- Wear a face covering in public places.
- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water
- Avoid or limit social gatherings with those not from your household

It is important to continue to practice mitigating precautions especially during the holiday season. Unfortunately, this year is not like other years and adjustments should be made in order to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community.

If you have any questions please contact the Plumas County COVID-19 informational phone line 530-283-6400 or send an e-mail to COVID19@countyofplumas.com or visit our website at www.plumascounty.us