



# Sierra County Health and Human Services

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE First Case of COVID-19 in Sierra County

On May 22, 2020, Sierra County Public Health received notification of a positive COVID-19 test result for a resident of Sierra County. An investigation is underway to determine if any other residents may have been exposed through close contact. Possible exposed residents identified during the investigation will be contacted by a member of the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team for further screening.

Even though we have not demonstrated the presence of community spread in Sierra County, we believe we are all at some risk, as community transmission has been demonstrated in many of our surrounding jurisdictions where we live, work, and shop. Our vulnerability is especially high because of the limited resources we have in Sierra County, including gasoline, groceries, tourist-based economy, limited healthcare facilities, and lack of pharmacy.

As you are aware, cases of COVID-19 have been increasing around the state, nation, and world. This is not a time to let down our guard!

### **Every person has a role to play.**

- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet from others
- Wash your hands with soap and water after you have been in a public place
- Wear a face covering when in a local business or unable to maintain 6 feet distance

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we stand together to beat this disease.

**Celia Sutton-Pado, MD**  
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For more information, please go to: <http://sierracounty.ca.gov/582/Coronavirus-COVID-19>  
or Email: [COVID19@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:COVID19@sierracounty.ca.gov)

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