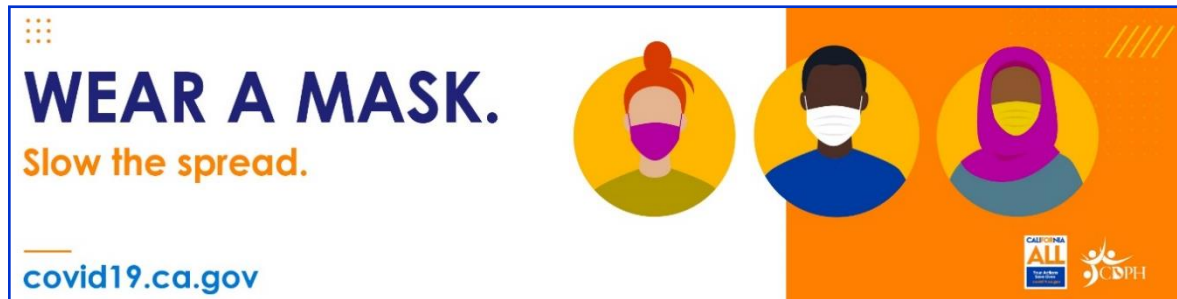


Friday Update

– COVID, Wildfires & Air Quality

YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Friday, September 18, 2020



COVID-19 Update

There are a total of 6,399 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the five county area served by the Yuba Community College District. That's a 5.9% increase over the previous week. Current case totals are: Colusa – 502, a 7% increase; Lake – 433, a 15% increase; Sutter – 1,631, a 6% increase; Yolo – 2,721, a 4% increase with 1,151 cases in Woodland, a 4% increase; and Yuba – 1,112, a 7% increase. Current testing numbers are not available since Yuba and Sutter County are no longer providing that information on their dashboards. Currently there are 29 patients hospitalized in our service area, two less than last week, and there have been 86 fatalities, four more than last week.

Statewide there are a total of 762,963 confirmed cases, an increase of 3% over the previous week. A total of 13,000,522 tests have been completed, an increase of 5%. Total patients currently hospitalized are 2,821, an 14% decrease and the number of ICU patients is 875, a decrease of 16%. Statewide data is from the California Department of Public Health and can be found at <https://data.chhs.ca.gov/>.

Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) is the tiered system used to determine reopening counties. The Blueprint focuses on *Daily Cases per 100,000 Population* and *Percentage of Tests that are Positive* to determine the county risk level. The list is updated weekly on Tuesdays. For each level there is specific guidance related to business and community activity that can be found in the link above. Currently Colusa, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba are classified as **WIDESPREAD** and Lake County is classified **SUBSTANTIAL**.

Wildfire Status

While many of the major fires that were started by lightening in mid-august are no longer growing in size, and have high containment numbers, a number of new fires have started, most notably the Creek Fire that is impacting air quality.

[Cal Fire Statewide Fire Summary](#) – September 17, 2020

Over 17,400 firefighters remain on the frontlines of 26 major and three extended attack wildfires in California. The weather pattern over much of California should be similar to yesterday with higher temperatures and fairly clear skies. Yesterday, firefighters responded to 22 initial attack wildfires across the State.

Since the beginning of the year, there have been nearly 7,900 wildfires that have burned over 3.4 million acres in California. Since August 15, when California's fire activity elevated, there have been 25 fatalities and nearly 5,400 structures destroyed.

A low-pressure system arrives today bringing cooler temperatures and increasing humidity through much of the state. However, warm and dry conditions are likely to return this weekend, bringing elevated fire danger.

As crews contain the wildfires, evacuations will be lifted and residents allowed to return home. To learn more about returning home after a wildfire, visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Fires of Interest	County	Acres Burned	% Contained
Creek Fire	Fresno	246,756	20%
North Complex*	Plumas, Butte	284,437	40%
August Complex	Mendocino, Humboldt	809,135	30%

* Not managed by CalFire

To monitor fire and evacuation information go to the incident page at [Cal Fire](#). Information on fires not managed by Cal Fire can be found [InciWeb](#). Below are the status of major fires in Northern California.

Air Quality

The Air Quality Index (AQI) as of 5:00 am in the communities where Yuba Community College District has campuses:

Community	AQI	Level	Today's Forecast	Tomorrow's Forecast
Williams - Colusa County	13	Good	USG	not available
Clearlake - Lake County	26	Good	Good	not available
Yuba City - Sutter County	28	Good	Moderate	USG
Woodland - Yolo County	29	Good	Moderate	USG
Linda - Yuba County	27	Good	Moderate	USG

- **USG** – Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

The AQI changes throughout the day. For this update information comes from AirNow using the same monitors from one day to the next. To monitor air quality where you are go to [AirNow](#) and simply entering your zip code. The following are the AQI ratings.

Good	< 50 AQI	Air Quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
Moderate	51 – 100 AQI	Air is acceptable. However there may be risk for some people particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 – 150 AQI	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. General public is less likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 – 200 AQI	Some members of general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects
Very Unhealthy	201 – 300 AQI	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Hazardous	301+ AQI	Emergency conditions: everyone is likely to be affected

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs

At this time there are no Public Safety Power Shutoffs in the region. There are power outages related to wildfire activity in some areas.

In the News

[Yuba-Sutter making progress toward less restrictive tier](#)

[Appeal Democrat](#)

[“Unstoppable.” How the Bear Fire erupted into a deadly disaster for tiny Berry Creek](#)
[Sacramento Bee](#)

[Survey: Adults less confident about value of higher Ed](#)

Community College Daily

[Education during Covid: California Families Struggle to Learn](#)
Ed Source

[Wanted: More Community College Faculty to Help Keep Students on Track](#)
EdSurge

[Coronavirus: As deaths tick up in California, other metrics continue to improve](#)
Mercury News

[Coronavirus precautions at UC system likely until fall 2021](#)
Cal Matters

[A Last Push for Simplicity](#)
Inside Higher Education

[More Colleges are responding to COVID-19 Surges with 2-Week Quarantines. Do They Work?](#)
Chronicle of Higher Education

Tools & Resources

[California COVID-19 Website](#)

[California Community College Chancellor's Coronavirus Website](#)

[ZOOM Meeting and Webinar Best Practices and Resources](#)

[YCCD Coronavirus Virtual Campus](#)

[Vision Resource Center](#)