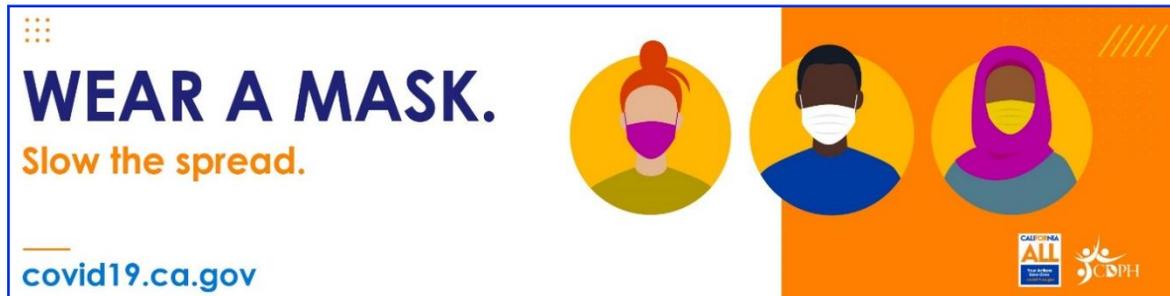


Friday Update

– COVID, Wildfires & Air Quality

YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Friday, September 25, 2020



COVID-19 Update

There are a total of 6,682 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the five county area served by the Yuba Community College District. That's a 4.4% increase over the previous week. Current case totals are: Colusa – 527, a 5% increase; Lake – 534, a 23% increase; Sutter – 1,696, a 4% increase; Yolo – 2,782, a 2% increase with 1,178 cases in Woodland, a 1.4% increase; and Yuba – 1,143, a 2.8% increase. Current testing numbers are not available since Yuba and Sutter County are no longer providing that information on their dashboards. Currently there are 24 patients hospitalized in our service area, five less than last week, and there have been 90 fatalities, four more than last week.

Statewide there are a total of 790,640 confirmed cases, an increase of 2% over the previous week. A total of 13,952,857 tests have been completed, an increase of 3%. Total patients currently hospitalized are 2,578, a 1% decrease and the number of ICU patients is 774, a decrease of 11%. 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

[Cal Fire Statewide Fire Summary](#) – September 24, 2020

Crews continue to battle 26 major wildfires in California. With over 18,200 firefighters on the front lines, crews continue to gain ground on these fires. Yesterday, firefighters responded to 23 new initial attack wildfires across the State, all of which were quickly contained. Since the beginning of the year, there have been well over 8,000 wildfires that have burned over 3.6 million acres in California. Since August 15, when California's fire activity elevated, there have been 26 fatalities and over 6,700 structures destroyed.

A Fire Weather Watch is in effect beginning Saturday morning through a large portion of Northern California for gusty winds and low humidity, bringing critical fire weather conditions. This pattern will

remain through Monday, effecting areas including but not limited to the East Bay Hills, North Bay, Sacramento Valley and Sierra Foothills. A significant warming trend is expected to begin this weekend and into next week throughout the state.

Fires of Interest	County	Acres Burned	% Contained
Creek Fire	Fresno	291,426	34%
North Complex*	Plumas, Butte	304,495	78%
August Complex	Mendocino, Humboldt	867,335	38%

* 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:

<u>Community</u>	<u>AQI</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Today's Forecast</u>	<u>Tomorrow's Forecast</u>
Williams - Colusa County	7	Good	Moderate	not available
Clearlake - Lake County	28	Good	Good	not available
Yuba City - Sutter County	18	Good	Moderate	Moderate
Woodland - Yolo County	20	Good	Moderate	Moderate
Linda - Yuba County	18	Good	Moderate	Moderate

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

There is a PSPS Watch that has been issued by PG&E for Saturday, September 26. To determine if you will be impacted go to the [PG&E website](#) and enter your address. 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



[49ers soccer works to get food to families in need](#)

Appeal Democrat

[Air Quality Advisory issued through Monday in Colusa County](#)

Colusa Sun Herald

[Big enrollment drops this fall, so far](#)

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[1,600 Colleges Are Now Test-Optional. How Many Will Go Back?](#)

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[California for all? Few public schools pursuing elementary waivers](#)

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[County COVID Counts Often Rose After Colleges Started Classes](#)

Inside Higher Education

[These Colleges Are Winning the Fight Against Covid-19 – at Least for Now](#)

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Tools & Resources

[California COVID-19 Website](#)

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