

Friday Update

- COVID, Wildfires & Air Quality

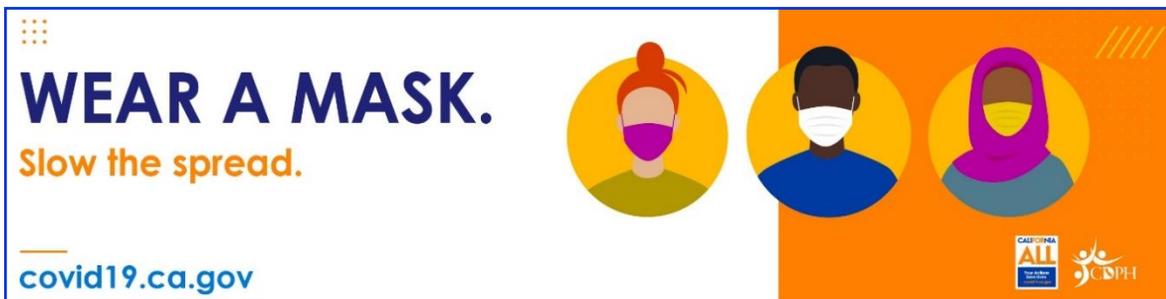
YUBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Friday, October 9, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

There are a total of 7,052 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the five county area served by the Yuba Community College District. That's a 1.7% increase over the previous week. Current case totals are: Colusa – 541, a .6% increase; Lake – 600, a 3.3% increase; Sutter – 1,771, a 1.3% increase; Yolo – 2,918, a 1.4% increase with 1,243 cases in Woodland, a 2.1% increase; and Yuba – 1,222, a 2.9% increase. Currently there are 21 patients hospitalized in our service area, one more than last week, and there have been 96 fatalities, three more than last week.

Statewide there are a total of 834,800 confirmed cases, an increase of 1.3% over the previous week. A total of 15,623,623 tests have been completed, an increase of 3.1%. Total patients currently hospitalized are 2,328, a 2.0% increase and the number of ICU patients is 652, a decrease of 1.8%. 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 that replaces the former County Monitoring List. The Blueprint focuses on *New 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. The levels are:

Risk Level	Description	New Cases	Positive Tests
WIDESPREAD	Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	> 7 per 100K	>8%
SUBSTANTIAL	Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4-7 per 100K	5-8%
MODERATE	Some indoor business operations are open w/ modifications	1-3.9 per 100K	2-4.9%
MINIMAL	Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	>1	>2%

Current Positivity Rates are: Colusa 6.2; Lake 3.9; Sutter 3.3; Yolo 3.3 and Yuba 4.2. Current New Case rates per 100,000 populations are: Colusa 3.2; Lake 8.8; Sutter 3.5; Yolo 5.6; and Yuba 5.6. As of today Colusa and Sutter are classified as **WIDESPREAD** and Lake, Yolo and Yuba are classified **SUBSTANTIAL**.

AIR QUALITY

With a new fire in Napa County, and a flare up of the North Complex Fire the air quality index may increase throughout the day. The Air Quality Index (AQI) as of 8:00 pm 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	80	Moderate	Moderate	not available
Clearlake - Lake County	78	Moderate	Moderate	not available
Yuba City - Sutter County	91	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Woodland - Yolo County	72	Moderate	Moderate	GOOD
Linda - Yuba County <i>for Sensitive Groups</i>	91	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate USG – <i>Unhealthy</i>

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

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Appeal Democrat

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Colusa Sun Herald

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WILDFIRE STATUS

Cal Fire Statewide Fire Summary – October 8, 2020

More than 15,000 firefighters continue to work towards containment on 22 major wildfires across the state. Yesterday, firefighters also responded to 23 new wildfires, quickly bringing full containment to all. Since the beginning of the year, there have been over 8,400 wildfires that have burned well over 4 million acres in California. To date, the total number of fatalities statewide is 31 and more than 9,200 structures have been destroyed.

Cooler temperatures prevail today in most of the State, and will continue through Sunday. Light rain is possible on Saturday in Northern California. Next week, the return of warm and dry conditions is expected, as well as the possibility of a wind event accompanying the changing weather pattern.

California historically experiences some of the most devastating wildfires in the months of September and October. Do not let your guard down! To learn more ways to prevent sparking a wildfire visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Fires of Interest	County	Acres Burned	% Contained
Glass Fire (new)	Napa	67,484	74%
Zogg Fire	Shasta	56,338	95%
Creek Fire	Fresno	331,966	49%
North Complex*	Plumas, Butte	318,929	88%
August Complex	Mendocino, Humboldt	1,020,571	65%

* 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.