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Current Status

- 41 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Joaquin County as of 1600 today
- 2 COVID-related deaths San Joaquin County
- In California, there are 1,468 active cases and 27 deaths as of 1400 on 3/21/20
- A new joint “Stay at Home” order from the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and the Director of Emergency Services was issued on 3/21/20. This supersedes the order issued on 3/20/20 by the Director of Emergency Services. The latest order continues to implement Executive Order N-33-20, issued by Governor Newsom on 3/19/20.
  - Posted to SJReady and Nixle Alert sent today via 888777 COVIDSJ.
  - Translated documents should be complete by Monday.
- Questions about COVID-19 in San Joaquin County Call 2-1-1
- Want current information about COVID-19 in San Joaquin County? Text the word “covidsj” to 888777 to sign up.
- Cities of Stockton, Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca, Lodi, Escalon, and the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services have activated Emergency Operations Centers
- Cities of Stockton, Tracy, Manteca, Lathrop, Lodi, Ripon, and Escalon have proclaimed local emergencies
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services Declared a Local Health Emergency.
- San Joaquin County OES has Proclaimed a Local Emergency
- San Joaquin County Joint Information System activated through OES
- All San Joaquin County Schools closed. No information on private or charter schools
- Public Health Services (PHS) posted to the Coronavirus webpage, the new “CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings (3-16-20).”
  - Translated and posted to PHS Spanish language Coronavirus webpage, the above stated guidance, “Guía de CDPH Para la Prevención de la Transmisión de COVID-19 para Reuniones (16/03/20)”.
- Posted the “CDPH Guidance for Prioritization of Patients for Laboratory Testing for COVID-19” on the PHS Provider webpage.
- Posted the “Order of the County Director of Emergency Services to Stay at Home or Place of Residence (3-20-20)” on the PHS homepage.
- Added to PHS website and social media, the “Shelter at Home” images and messages from The Office of Governor Newsom.
COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS:
To protect those most vulnerable (people age 65 and older and/or those with chronic medical conditions) from exposure to COVID-19, it is critical for everyone to follow these recommendations:

- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), stay home. Most people with mild symptoms can care for themselves.
- If you are experiencing worsening symptoms and are in the high risk category, immediately contact your local healthcare provider. People should only call 911 if they feel they are in imminent danger.
- Avoid contact or maintain at least a six feet distance with anyone, especially those in the high risk category.
- Urge those age 65 and older and anyone with underlying chronic medical condition to stay away from large gatherings.
- Wash your hands often and be sure to practice good hand washing techniques.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If tissues are not available, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow. Then wash your hands again.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- If sick, stay home to reduce the exposure to others for 10 days from onset of symptoms, and await 72 hours after symptoms resolve.

Stay Informed
This is a rapidly evolving situation. We encourage you to check the following websites and their social media accounts routinely:

- California Office of the Governor www.covid19.ca.gov
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) webpage https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) website http://www.sjcphs.org
- CDC Website for 2019 Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China
- California Dept. of Public Health/Novel Coronavirus 2019 (nCoV-2019) page
- Guidance Documents: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) A list of various guidance documents (e.g., event organizers, first responders, employers, home cleaning, etc.) can be found on the California Department of Public Health webpage, https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx
  - Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission
  - State Health & Emergency Officials Release Guidance to Prepare and Protect Homeless Californians and Services Providers from COVID-19 (3/11/20)
  - San Joaquin County Public Health Services Guidance for Schools, Childcare & Providers on COVID-19 (3/13/20)
  - San Joaquin County Guidance for Employers 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Health Information Fact Sheet, Coronavirus diseases 2019 (COVID-19)
- What you need to know about Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), Eng/Spa
- What to do if you are sick with Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), Eng/Spa
- Stop the spread of germs, English/Spanish

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California State Association of Counties PSA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1fkpilyor4&feature=youtu.be

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