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**TITLE:** Madera County Department of Public Health Reports Confirmed Case of Coronavirus/COVID-19

Madera County Public Health Officer Dr. Simon Paul reports one confirmed case of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in Madera County.

On March 5, 2020, the California Department of Public Health contacted the Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) to begin monitoring a husband and wife returning from a Princess Cruise. The couple remained isolated in their Madera County home. When one of these individuals developed symptoms, MCDPH coordinated with Madera Community Hospital for medical care and testing. The couple were received by hospital staff at the car, masked, and lead directly to an isolation room. At no time did the couple enter public areas. The patient is currently in stable condition. Due to protected health information requirements and to protect the patient's identity, we are not able to further disclose information about this Madera County COVID-19 case.

This is an isolated case with a known source of transmission. The couple received one visitor at their home prior to reporting symptoms. Communicable disease staff are monitoring this individual who is isolated and does not show symptoms at this time.

"We wish the patient a quick return to health. The safety and well-being of our community remains our top priority. We ask community members to take the same precautions used in flu prevention: stay home when ill, wash hands frequently, covering coughs at all times, and practicing social distancing," said Dr. Paul.

Further spread of COVID-19 can be controlled by appropriate public health action such as surveillance, identification and isolation of cases, infection control, intense contact tracing, and isolation of persons who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit [www.maderacounty.com/covid19](http://www.maderacounty.com/covid19). This and future COVID-19 press releases will be posted to this page as well as <https://www.facebook.com/MaderaCountyPublicHealth/>.

Public Health and Madera Community Hospital will be available for interviews at 10 am on Saturday, March 7 at Madera Community Hospital.

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