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TITLE: Madera County Department of Public Health Confirms Third Death Due to COVID-19

On June 2, 2020, Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) reported a third death of a Madera County resident related to COVID-19. The female in their 80s suffered from underlying health conditions and passed away at Saint Agnes Hospital the evening of June 1, 2020. She tested positive for COVID-19 while at the hospital on May 26, 2020 from what is believed to be person-to-person transmission related to a Mother's Day Gathering.

"Our sincerest condolences to the family," said Public Health Director Sara Bosse. "As we continue to open up our economy, we urge Madera County residents to continue to take precautions to protect themselves and others, especially seniors and those who have underlying health conditions."

To date, Madera County has had a total of 114 cases and has seen less community spread than other valley counties. The majority of confirmed cases have been through person-to-person transmission and have fully recovered. The last COVID-19 related death was reported in April and was also an older female who was hospitalized with underlying health conditions.

Madera County Department of Public Health urges residents to continue to practice hygiene and safety precautions.

- Stay Home vulnerable populations including seniors and those with underlying health conditions should only go out for essential business and return home promptly
- Stay Well wash your hands, avoid touching your face and cover coughs and sneezes; also wear a mask when you go out and physically distance at least 6 feet.
- Stay Connected- visit the Madera County Department of Public Health webpage at <a href="https://www.maderacounty.com/covid19">www.maderacounty.com/covid19</a> or Facebook for questions related to COVID-19.

The Public Health Director will be available for phone interviews Tuesday, June 2, 2020 between 3 pm and 4 pm. Call (559) 514-4857 to schedule a 10 minute interview.

MCDPH appreciates our media partners. Thank you so much for your patience while MCDPH responds to both media requests and public concerns.