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**TITLE:** Madera County Department of Public Health Confirms Fifth COVID-19 Related Death

Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) reported a fifth COVID-related death of a Madera County resident. The male in their 80s suffered from underlying health conditions and passed away at Madera Community Hospital on the evening of June 21st. He tested positive for COVID-19 on June 8, 2020 while at Madera Community Hospital. The source of transmission is unknown and is classified as community spread.

"We recognize that every death from COVID-19 is hard for both for the family involved and our community, said Public Health Officer, Dr. Simon Paul. "We extend our deepest condolences to the family."

To date, Madera County has a total of 334 cases. The most frequent transmission type continues be person-to-person although the number of cases identified as community spread is growing. The majority of cases have recovered fully without hospitalization.

MCDPH reminds the community to continue to social distance and wash hands frequently. Crowds and gatherings with different households should continue to be avoided. "It's important to be open to the new normal. This means, following the statewide facial covering guidance when in public to slow the spread and protect those who are most vulnerable in our community," said Public Health Director, Sara Bosse.

For more tips and information about COVID-19 visit the Madera County Department of Public Health webpage at <a href="https://www.maderacounty.com/covid19">www.maderacounty.com/covid19</a>.

