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TITLE: Madera County Department of Public Health Confirms Highest Number of Cases in a Single Day and Fourth COVID-19 Related Death

Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) is reporting 24 confirmed cases of COVID-19 for June 16, 2020, the highest number of confirmed cases in a single day for Madera County since the pandemic began in early March. Additionally, MCDPH is reporting a fourth death related to COVID-19. The deceased is a male in his 80s who suffered from underlying health conditions and passed away at Saint Agnes Hospital the evening of June 13, 2020. He reported positive from what is believed to be person-to-person transmission.

To date there are 250 cases in Madera County and the majority continue to be from person-toperson transmission. The upward trend in cases represents an increase in testing along with individuals going out more and attending social gatherings with those outside of their household.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family and continue to urge Madera County residents to recognize that the threat of COVID-19 is not over. It is imperative that individuals continue to social distance when they are out and avoid gathering with those who are not in their immediate household," said Sara Bosse, Public Health Director.

Sara Bosse reports that it is becoming increasingly difficult to identify and isolate close contacts which has been a key tactic in successfully minimizing community spread in Madera County. "Individuals are becoming more hesitant to providing information; however concealing information may put friends, family, and co-workers at risk."

MCDPH reminds those who are vulnerable to stay home and everyone to practice good hygiene by washing their hands and avoiding touching your face. When you are out in public continue to social distance and wear a mask. For more tips and information about COVID-19 visit the Madera County Department of Public Health webpage at www.maderacounty.com/covid19.

The Public Health Director will be available for phone interviews Tuesday, June 16, 2020 between 4 pm and 5 pm. Call (559) 514-4857 to schedule a 10 minute interview.

