



# Sonoma County

## Key Messages: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

March 11, 2020, 12:00pm

### Priority messages for today:

- **No new cases of coronavirus in Sonoma County since March 5.**
  - The 14-day window of risk from exposure related to the cruise ship to Mexico ended on March 6, 2020, and no additional Sonoma County passengers were found to have coronavirus.
- **Virtual Town Hall on Coronavirus is tonight from 7-8pm**
  - Programing will air on 91.1 and 90.9 FM radio and KRCB Channel 22 as well as KPJK Channel 60. The broadcast will be recorded and posted at [NorCalPublicMedia.org](http://NorCalPublicMedia.org) with closed captioning and Spanish subtitles. Program will also livestream at [NorCalPublicMedia.org](http://NorCalPublicMedia.org) and [KRCB's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/KRCB).
- **Spanish Language Virtual Town Hall will be next Tuesday, March 17, 5-6pm on KBBF 89.1.** Press release and promotion will take place this week.
- **SoCoEmergency.org** is the official County website for centralized information about the current coronavirus emergency.
- **2-1-1 Sonoma Information & Resource Hotline** is a number for the public to call for information and resources on the County's response to the Coronavirus. In addition to calling, people can call 2-1-1 or text their zip code to 898-211 to be connected with a call taker.
- **We are prepared:** Our public health infrastructure and expertise in Sonoma County is second to none. We are working closely with the CDC, the CDPH, and our local health system to help keep our community safe from the spread of coronavirus.
- **Important Health Reminders:** Continue to practice good hygiene to reduce your risk of becoming infected with a respiratory virus. Follow basic preventative measures like thoroughly washing your hands, staying home from school or work when sick, and disinfecting surfaces often. Throw disinfecting wipes in the trash, don't flush them down the toilet. If you are ill and need medical attention, call your medical provider for guidance.
- **New Health Alert** was provided by the Health Officer to health care providers in Sonoma County on March 10, including guidance allowing healthcare providers to send coronavirus tests to commercial labs and non-public health labs. This guidance expands capacity to test cases, quicker. DHS approval is no longer needed prior to testing all cases, only priority cases.



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### Recent Updates:

**Sonoma County currently has three Coronavirus cases. No new cases since March 5, 2020:**

- **No new cases:** At this time, no new cases have been reported in Sonoma County.
- The Grand Princess cruise ship docked in Port of Oakland on March 9, and CalOES is leading the effort to quarantine and hospitalize patients as needed. Sonoma County has not yet been asked to take any new patients from this cruise ship.
- There are three cases of coronavirus in Sonoma County. All patients are in isolation rooms and being treated in local hospitals.
  - On February 25, 2020, a confirmed positive patient with coronavirus was transferred to a Sonoma County hospital from Travis Air Force Base in Solano County. That person had been quarantined at the base for a short time after returning from the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan.
  - On March 2, 2020, the Sonoma County Department of Health Services (DHS) confirmed a presumptive positive case of novel coronavirus in a Sonoma County resident with recent international travel on the Grand Princess (Princess Cruises) to Mexico.
  - On March 5, 2020, the County confirmed a second presumptive positive case of novel coronavirus in a resident who traveled on the same Grand Princess cruise.
    - A total of 78 County residents traveled on the Grand Princess cruise ship. Of the 78 residents on the cruise ship, approximately 25 took a shuttle to the Sonoma County Airport on February 21.
  - Both of the presumptive positive COVID-19 patients were passengers on the shuttle to the airport.
  - DHS contacted all Sonoma County residents who were on the Grand Princess Cruise and did not find any additional cases of coronavirus.
  - The 14-day window of risk from exposure related to the cruise ship to Mexico ended on March 6, 2020 and no additional passengers were found to test positive for coronavirus in Sonoma County.

Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Patients (from Grand Princess Cruise)	Confirmed Positive Patient (from Travis AFB; non-County Resident)	Total in Sonoma County
2	1	3



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### **State of California Declared an Emergency to Respond to Coronavirus:**

- On March 3, 2020 Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to help the state prepare for broader spread of coronavirus. This proclamation includes increased protections against price gouging, offers more assistance to local governments, and allows health care workers to come from out of state. You can read the proclamation at:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/04/governor-newsom-declares-state-of-emergency-to-help-state-prepare-for-broader-spread-of-covid-19/>

### **District Attorney Ravitch Warns Against Price Gouging During Coronavirus State of Emergency:**

- California's price gouging law prevents business from wrongfully profiteering on essential goods, supplies and services during an emergency. If you are the victim of price gouging due to the coronavirus, or if you have information regarding potential price gouging, you can file a complaint through the Sonoma County's District Attorney's office or by calling (707) 565-5317. Read the District Attorney's 3/5/20 statement on price gouging:

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/DA/Press-Releases/Ravitch-Warns-Against-Price-Gouging-Coronavirus/>.

### **What is the County Doing to Prepare and Respond?**

- Sonoma County has declared a Local Emergency and a Local Public Health Emergency and have mobilized staff throughout the County to assist in keeping our community safe and prevent the spread of coronavirus. County Health officials are coordinating with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to monitor local Coronavirus cases and are working closely with local schools, health care providers, and other partners to share guidance and tools to keep people safe.
- Sonoma County Airport (STS) Update:
  - STS currently has not restricted any incoming or outgoing flights.
  - Janitorial staff are taking extra precautions with disinfecting the terminal, adding additional hours of cleaning time.
  - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would make recommendations for additional screening if needed (they have in San Diego, San Francisco, and LA)
  - The FAA would tell the County Public Health when to change operations if needed.
- Sonoma County Transit Update:



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- SCT cleans and sanitizes its buses each day.
- Personal protective equipment (e.g., face masks) are available to all drivers.
- Passengers are encouraged to use CDC personal hygiene guidelines, including through on-board signage.
- All paratransit buses have hand sanitizer dispensers on board.
- Employees are encouraged to take time off if they have symptoms of any illness.
- The Human Services Department is supporting efforts to educate and inform the public about the coronavirus.
  - Each director has received a printable version of the Department of Health prevention flier, which their staff members can print and place in public lobbies, take to meetings with partners or email, etc.
  - Adult and Aging staff will outreach to its community partner agencies who work with the high-risk age groups, clients, etc.
  - HSD will also email partners the Health fliers through its Constant Contact list.
  - The divisions will also do the same outreach for the approved FAQs that are relevant to HSD client populations.
  - HSD is also sharing County posts on its social media channels.