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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ANNOUNCES NINTH DEATH OF PATIENT WITH COVID-19

Eighteen Additional Confirmed Cases Also Reported

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is reporting the ninth death among someone who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual who passed resided in the City of Santa Barbara and un-incorporated Mission Canyon area and was in their 40's with underlying health conditions. As of today, there are 544 confirmed cases of COVID-19, of which 442 have fully recovered.

"We are saddened by the loss of this individual and extend our deepest condolences to their friends and family. As we continue to battle the spread of COVID-19, we ask community members to continue doing their part by wearing facial coverings while in public and continuing to practice social distancing," said Van Do-Reynoso, PhD, Director of Public Health.

Although most cases of COVID-19 exhibit mild or moderate symptoms, PHD recommends additional measures to prevent exposure among vulnerable people, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions (such as diabetes, cancer, immunodeficiency, asthma, COPD and others). PHD recommends that residents, especially those who are vulnerable:

- Stay home except for essential tasks. Ensure you have a two-week supply of medication on hand.
- When engaging in essential tasks away from home, remain 6 feet away from others and wear a facial covering.
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Keep surfaces clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant,

Information for the 18 new confirmed cases can be found below.

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Ages of new confirmed cases reported:

0-17	1
18-29	1
30-49	8
50-69	2
70+	6

Locations of new cases reported:

South County Unincorporated Area includes communities of Montecito, Summerland and the City of Carpinteria	2
City of Santa Barbara and the unincorporated area of Mission Canyon	4
City of Goleta	4
Community of Isla Vista	0
Unincorporated Area of the Goleta Valley and Gaviota	0
Santa Ynez Valley including the Cities of Solvang & Buellton , and the communities of Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Los Olivos and Ballard	0
City of Lompoc and the communities of Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village*	1
City of Santa Maria	6
Community of Orcutt	0
Unincorporated Areas of Sisquoc, Casmalia, Garey, Cuyama, New Cuyama, and the City of Guadalupe	0
Location Pending	1

Thirty-seven people are recovering at home, 37 are recovering in a hospital, 11 of whom are in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and 19 are pending an update. Nine deaths have been reported.

Please visit Santa Barbara County's coronavirus web page for other preparedness resources and updates at <https://publichealthsb.org/>.

For general questions about COVID-19 and precautions currently recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, residents may call the 2-1-1 Call Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by dialing 2-1-1 if calling from within the county; or (800) 400-1572 if calling from outside the area.

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County of Santa Barbara: www.CountyofSB.org, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#)

County Call Center: (833) 688-5551, MWF 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Recorded Information Line: (805) 681-4373

2-1-1 Call Center: Dial 211 or outside the area, call (800) 400-1572

Community Wellness Team Information and Referral Line: (805) 364-2750

Behavioral Wellness Crisis Line: (888) 868-1649