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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY REPORTS ONE ADDITIONAL DEATH OF PERSONS WITH COVID-19

42 Additional Confirmed Cases Reported

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is reporting the twenty-eighth death of a resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual resided in the City of Santa Barbara and was over 70 years of age. As of today, there are 2,631 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County, 992 cases are at the Federal Prison in Lompoc, 1,639 are community cases, and 2,106 have fully recovered. One previous case was determined not to be a case and removed.

"We offer our sincere condolences to every person who has experienced the pain associated with losing someone to COVID-19. Our day-to-day actions have a great impact on our progress and our journey to recovery, so let's continue to make physical distancing and wearing face coverings part of our everyday lives to prevent increases in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths," said Van Do-Reynoso, Santa Barbara County Public Health Director.

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:

- Stay home when possible. The State's Stay at Home Order remains in effect.
- Remain six feet away from others and wear a facial covering when engaging in tasks away from home.
- Wash your hands with soap and water regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick. Do not go to work or other places.

Additionally, all local employers and business owners are urged to adhere closely to sector health and safety guidelines. Ensuring a safe environment for both employees and customers is critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19 and assuring that businesses remain safely open during this time.

For general questions about COVID-19 and precautions currently recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health, residents may call the Santa Barbara County Call Center at (833)-688-5551. The Call Center is open weekdays (except for holidays) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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