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

Ninety-six Confirmed Cases Reported Today

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is reporting the twenty-ninth death of a resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The individual resided in the City of Santa Maria and was over 70 years of age. As of today, there are 2,896 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County, 993 cases are at the Federal Prison in Lompoc, 1,903 are community cases, and 2,292 have fully recovered. PHD is reporting 34 new cases for Saturday, June 27, 54 new cases for Sunday June 28, and 96 new cases for Monday June 29, respectively.

“As we share this information with you, we know there are people across our community who have suffered tremendous loss. We offer our condolences to those mourning the passing of a loved one. Physical distancing and wearing face coverings to slow the spread of this virus and prevent future deaths are so important and are actions all of us can take every day. Each one of us has the power to protect those around us. I hope we all understand how powerful that can be.” 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.
- 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.

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.

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