NEW CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is confirming two (2) additional cases of COVID-19 today. This makes 26 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County at this time. Below are more details about the eight (8) cases announced Tuesday, March 24th & Wednesday March 25th:

- Case #19— in their 60s and resides in South County
- Case #20— in their 60s and resides in South County
- Case #21— in their 40s and resides in South County
- Case #22— in their 20s and resides in South County
- Case #23— in their 20s and resides in North County
- Case #24— in their 60s and resides in South County
- Case #25— in their 20s and resides in South County
- Case #26— in their 50s and resides in South County

Public health officials will begin to share more information about the cities and areas where confirmed cases reside. Of the 26 cases, six (6) cases have occurred in Santa Maria, five (5) in Orcutt, 10 in Santa Barbara, and five (5) in other south county areas (Montecito, Carpinteria, and Summerland). Although PHD has released the cities and areas where confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred, it is critical that residents in all areas of the county stay at home and practice social distancing when performing essential tasks outside their home.

PHD is conducting a thorough investigation to determine how they contracted COVID-19 as well as identifying persons with whom they may have had close contact. Mandated social distancing measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus.

Community members are reminded to take measures to prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you become sick with respiratory symptoms, fever or cough
- Keep surfaces clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant

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