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NEWS BRIEF: Colusa County Experiences Increase in Positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Cases; Tier Status Threatened

Since October 30th (Friday), Colusa County has recorded 15 additional positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases (bringing the total number of positive cases to 572), with one individual hospitalized, and 20 active cases currently in isolation. The weekend surge cannot be traced to a singular event or incident, and is most likely a result of increased movement, mixing of households, and a relaxation of adherence to public health protocols and guidance. Similar surges can be expected if guidance is not followed throughout the upcoming winter holidays.

Colusa County is currently in the Red (Substantial) Tier of the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Every county in California is assigned to a Tier based upon its test positivity and adjusted case rate. At a minimum, counties must remain in a Tier for at least 3 weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly by CDPH, and Tiers are updated each Tuesday.

This week, given the election, the California Department of Public Health is expected to release its updated Blueprint assignments on Wednesday. At that time we will know how the recent surge has impacted our status.

The Colusa County Department of Health & Human Services reminds residents to remain diligent in ensuring compliance to all public health protocols, including:

- Wearing face coverings;
- Maintaining 6-ft physical distance;
- Hand washing; and,
- Remaining home if sick, or exposed to COVID-19.

Thank you for joining us in the effort to #StayHealthyToStayOpen!