

District Health Department No. 4



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Increased COVID 19 Cases Associated with Long Term Care Facility

District Health Department No. 4 reports a dramatic increase in COVID 19 positive cases in our area due to increased surveillance and testing this past weekend at a local long-term care facility which is cooperating with all recommendations for residents and employees. Results revealed a significant number of positives associated with the facility. DHD4 will continue to support the infection control plan of this facility and continue contract tracing.

DHD4 continues to urge residents to follow the Governor's stay at home order and the following guidelines:

- Please limit public gathers and only leave home for essential needs and as infrequently as possible,
- limit the number of individuals who leave your home (designate one person to get groceries, pick up medicine),
- stay at least 6 feet away and avoid gatherings, if you must go out,
- when recreating outdoors, maintain social distancing and do not congregate,
- wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds,
- avoid touching your face,
- disinfect commonly touched surfaces,
- check on others – by calling loved ones and neighbors who are most at risk to see how they are doing and if they need help.

Our goal is to ensure these facilities have access to the support and resources they need to keep their clients, residents, and employees safe. As COVID 19 continues to impact our area, DHD4 is working closely with the community, including congregate living facilities, to ensure the very best protection of their staff and vulnerable patients.

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