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**Colusa County Urges Community to
Heed Public Health Protocols Heading into Holiday Weekend**

Social Gatherings Trigger Rise in Local Positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Cases

(COLUSA, CA) June 30, 2020 – As local positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases climb, Colusa County Public Health urges residents to heed measures designed to prevent infection spread, including physical distancing, hand-washing, and wearing face coverings.

“We currently have a total of 50 individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19, including 44 active cases currently in isolation, and 6 released from isolation as recovered. While we remain at zero deaths, to date, more than 95 individuals have been quarantined as a result of contact tracing,” said Dr. Gregory W. Burt, Colusa County Public Health Officer. “There are a significant number of individuals quarantined, and we expect many more as contact tracing continues. Compliance with public health protocols related to reducing virus transmission and spread of the virus are critical to maintaining community health.”

Colusa County Public Health has not identified a single source of transmission, and contact tracing attributes the recent increase in positive cases to a variety of social gatherings throughout the county. Since there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person:

- Between people who are in **close contact with one another** (within about six feet), even those not exhibiting symptoms.
- Through respiratory droplets produced **when an infected person speaks, coughs or sneezes.**

Colusa County Public Health urges residents to follow the following protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

- **Stay home if you're sick;**
- **Avoid close contact;**
- **Wear a face covering in public;**
- **Clean your hands often;**
- **Cover coughs and sneezes; and,**
- **Clean and disinfect.**

“As leaders, we are doing our best to balance the physical health of our residents and the economic health of our community,” said Denise Carter, Chair of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors. “As the 4th of July holiday approaches, taking these preventative measures to prevent virus spread in our community will provide us with the best opportunity to maintain this balance. We urge you to join us in this effort as we STAY HEALTHY TO STAY OPEN.”

Information and resources related to COVID-19 in Colusa County can be accessed here: <https://www.countyofcolusa.org/771/COVID19>. Information and resources from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) can be accessed here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.