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COLUSA COUNTY REPORTS COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

(COLUSA, CA) July 20, 2020 - Colusa County is announcing an outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) at a local Skilled Nursing Facility (nursing facility). At this time, pursuant to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), there are 30 confirmed active cases (16 residents and 14 staff). COVID-19 testing is still ongoing for all facility staff and residents.

The nursing facility is working closely with Colusa County Public Health staff to prevent public spread and ensure the safety of the home’s residents and staff. A CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections Team is being deployed to the facility to assist with infection control measures. All positive cases have been isolated, and staff and residents are being appropriately monitored. Residents and their families have been notified of the outbreak. It is important that everyone follow current travel guidelines and practice public health measures to protect the health of their loved ones and community.

“We are very concerned about the outbreak of COVID-19 at Valley West. We are working closely with the Administration and the Medical Director to ensure we protect both Residents and Staff. We have asked for additional State Resources to aid us and reduce the risk for further transmission. Nursing homes are high risk environments and we must do what we can to protect these patients. Unfortunately, this means we must continue to suspend in person visitation from family and loved ones,” said Colusa County Public Health Officer Dr. Greg Burt. “Please--stay home unless you absolutely need to go out, wear a mask, stay 6 feet away from each other, and wash your hands. These simple tasks absolutely work, save lives, and will allow us to re-open business.”

“Our hearts go out to the patients and their families during this time,” said Colusa County Board Chair Denise Carter. “We cannot stress enough that staying home is the best way to prevent additional cases, and if you must venture out for essential business, please wear a face covering.”

To date, Colusa County has 173 confirmed cases of COVID-19. 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.**

Information and resources related to COVID-19 in Colusa County can be accessed here: [https://www.countyofcolusa.org/771/COVID19](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/](https://covid19.ca.gov/).

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