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Second COVID-19 Positive Confirmed in Inyo County

Second Confirmed Positive in Two Days

Inyo County's Public Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson, received notification during the evening of March 25 from Northern Inyo Healthcare District regarding a second positive COVID-19 test for an Inyo County resident. The patient presented to Northern Inyo Healthcare District's Rural Health Clinic with symptoms associated with COVID-19, and was tested for COVID-19 based on symptoms and other risk-factors.

Inyo County Public Health is working to determine the source of the infection, and conducting a thorough investigation to identify potential exposures and notify contacts. At this time the patient is currently isolated at home. As of March 25, NIHD currently has 29 COVID-19 tests pending, and Toiyabe Indian Healthcare Project has 2 COVID-19 tests pending. Due to the volume of tests being analyzed currently in California, the turnaround time can take several days.

"I want to emphasize the importance of adhering to the Inyo County Public Health Order; compliance is mandatory," stated Dr. James Richardson. "At this time nobody should be leaving their homes unless it is for essential purposes only. There should be no social gatherings, and every person who feels ill should be in contact with their physician and self-isolating at home."

The public must continue to practice appropriate preventative measures, such as avoiding contact with sick individuals, wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, practicing social distancing, and adherence to State and County Orders. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, coughing or shortness of breath, and think you may have had contact with a person with COVID-19, call your health care provider before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

Updates will be available to the public as they occur on KBPT-LP 96.1fm at the top of the hour for breaking information and at 8am, 11am, 6pm and 11pm for cumulative information.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe located on its 879 acre Bishop Paiute Reservation in Inyo County, California. The Reservation was formed under Congressional Act 5299, P.L. No. 43 of April 20, 1937. The Tribe is committed to the well being of its people. For more information please contact the Bishop Paiute Tribe at (760) 873-3584.

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