



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Media Advisory
Public Health Communication
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Health Officials Confirm First Case of COVID-19 in Fresno County

FRESNO, CA – The Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) has confirmed the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Fresno County. This is a travel related case and was **not** community acquired. Two travelers presented themselves for testing after returning from a Grand Princess cruise on March 6, 2020. One of these tests has returned as a presumptive positive case. The family of this individual is self-monitoring with FCPDH oversight at this time.

There is no immediate threat to the general public, and the FCDPH is **not recommending** cancellation of events, closure of schools, or buildings at this time. The FCDPH has plans in place to inform and protect all residents, limit exposures to any new cases if identified, and address concerns as they arise.

Fresno County residents, students, workers, and visitors should continue to engage in their regular activities and practice good public health hygiene as this is the height of flu season. The FCDPH is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and local agencies to monitor COVID-19 that originated in Wuhan, China in December 2019. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

The opportunity below has been scheduled to conduct interviews:

Media Availability

WHAT: First COVID-19 Case in Fresno County

WHERE: 1221 Fulton Street
Fresno, CA 93721

WHEN: Sunday, March 8, 2020

TIME:	Media check-in	10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Lobby
	One-on-one interviews	10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	Lobby

WHO: Rais Vohra, Interim Health Officer, FCDPH
Joe Prado, Community Health Division Manager

For more information or to RSVP for interviews, please contact Public Health Communication at (559) 259-1798.

For more information about COVID-19, visit www.fcdph.org/COVID19.

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