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Speaking Points: New Cases, Madera County, March 23, 2020.

- Three new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Madera County late Sunday, March 22nd.
- The new cases are community acquired and were close contacts to the two cases from March 19th.
- This brings the current confirmed cases in Madera County to five, including the two cases from March 19th.
- Three of the five cases are currently hospitalized.
- In response to the two cases from March 19th, 147 contacts were successfully interviewed and quarantined within 24 hours.
- Of the 147 contacts, **only** symptomatic cases were tested.
- Total tested: 10. Results: 3 (all positive). 2 more people showing symptoms and will be tested today.
- Cases are being tested at commercial and public health labs. Timeline for testing results varies anywhere from 48 hours to a week depending on the lab.
- More positive cases are anticipated in the upcoming days and weeks.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, influenza and other respiratory viruses, MCDPH recommends:

- *Stay Home:* Only go out for essential business and return home promptly.
- *Stay Well:* Wash your hands, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow, physically distance 6 feet.
- *Stay Connected:* Reach out to friends and family by phone or email, help each other meet essential needs, and take care of your emotional health.

Definitions:

- **Close Contact:** (CDC) Being within approximately six (6) feet of a person with an infection with COVID-19 case for 10 minutes or longer. Based on individual information, investigators assess exposure risk and current symptoms to determine quarantine and testing actions.

