



## Seneca Healthcare District

### **SERIES OF POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES AT SHD**

**DATE:** December 3, 2020

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**

Seneca Healthcare District Hospital (SHD) has notified the Plumas County Public Health Agency (PCPHA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) of a series of positive COVID-19 tests associated with SNF patients, SHD staff and acute/swing bed. The outbreak was detected late yesterday with one employee testing positive. While we test staff and residents weekly, in an abundance of caution we will be continuing our internal testing.

SHD has been diligent in following very strict precautions as guided by the CDPH and other official Public Health Agencies for our skilled nursing facility regarding COVID-19 since the outbreak in March of 2020. In accordance with public health guidelines, SHD is conducting a full investigation and has activated a mitigation plan to prevent any additional exposure in our community. At this time, exposure is internal to SHD, but if our investigation shows community exposure, individuals identified during our investigation will be contacted by PCPHA.

Plumas County has been experiencing a significant surge in positive COVID-19 cases. SHD is coordinating all investigatory efforts with PCPHA to provide community awareness and contact tracing activities. SHD and PCPHA encourages the adoption of the CDC guidelines for slowing the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding travel when possible, practice physical distancing, wear a face covering while in public, and continued use of universal precautions; including washing hands and covering mouths with an elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.

If you feel that you or anyone in your household has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case within the last 7-14 days, SHD will be holding a COVID-19 Mass Testing Event on December 9 from 9am – 11am in the hospital parking lot.

If you have any questions or concerns about incidental exposure, please contact the Plumas County COVID-19 informational phone line at (530) 283-6400 or send an e-mail to [COVID19@countyofplumas.com](mailto:COVID19@countyofplumas.com).



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