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Officials Announce Latest COVID-19 Facts

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Public Health today announced the most recent statistics on COVID-19. California now has 598 confirmed cases.

For more information on COVID-19 and California's response visit the [California Department of Public Health's website](#).

COVID-19 in California by the Numbers (*as of 6 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on March 17, 2020*):

13 – Deaths (including one non-California resident)

598 – Positive cases

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 13 cases
- Age 18-64: 392 cases
- Age 65+: 188 cases
- Unknown: 5 cases

24 – Cases of positive tests related to federal repatriation flights

574 – Cases not related to repatriation flights

- 91– Travel-related
- 88 – Person to person
- 142 – Community transmission
- 253 – Under investigation

11,900+ – Number of people self-monitoring who returned to the U.S. through SFO or LAX

49 – Number of local health jurisdictions involved in self-monitoring

22 – Labs with test kits, 21 of which are already testing

How Can People Protect Themselves

Every person has a role to play. Protecting yourself and your family comes down to common sense:

- Washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover a cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or disposable tissue. Wash your hands afterward.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Practice social distancing.
- Following guidance from public health officials.

What to Do if You Think You're Sick:

Call ahead: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19, or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call your health care provider before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

California continues to issue guidance on preparing and protecting California from COVID-19. Consolidated guidance is available on [California Department of Public Health's Guidance page](#).

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