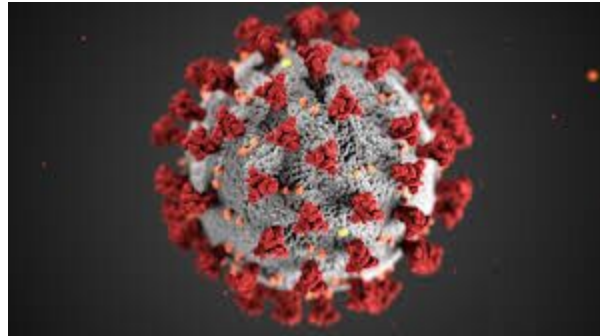


Del Norte, Curry counties record additional COVID cases

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Additional active and confirmed cases have been reported in both Del Norte and Curry counties this week.

The Del Norte County Public Health Branch reported 7 new positive cases of COVID-19 since Sept. 10. Six have been identified to be a close contact to a known case of COVID-19, and one was identified to be travel-related. Both are self-isolating at home.

County Public Health Officer Dr. Warren Rehwaldt said due to the steady trickle of cases, Del Norte County is “skating on the edge” in terms of a tier change in the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

“But as of today, (Sept. 16) we are still in the Tier 3 level, orange category, and nothing has to close, or change operation at the moment,” Rehwaldt said. “Our next round of testing and data reporting may change this, and we will plead our case to the state, given the fact that so little else has changed in the county, if that becomes necessary.”

Rehwaldt emphasized that everyone still needs to be mindful of the need for best practices of social distancing mask wearing and isolating and quarantining when asked to do so.

“It’s the only way we can keep the virus in check, and keep our community working,” he said.

Del Norte County currently has 135 confirmed cases with 6 cases still active and 1 death. Currently there are no hospitalizations.

According to California Department of Public Health, the state has confirmed 762,963 cases with 14,615 fatalities as of Sept. 15.

Curry County

Curry County Public Health reported two new positive cases of COVID-19 this past week with one each on Sept. 10 and 12. Both cases have been confirmed by the Public Health Officer through lab results. In addition, both cases are Curry County residents who are self-isolating at home and monitoring symptoms.

As of September 16, the total number of positive cases in Curry County stands at 26, with 20 recovered cases and 6 active. At press time on Sept. 17, the state total of confirmed and presumptive cases is at 29,850 with the death toll at 521.