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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

**Marin County COVID-19 status update: April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**



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**COVID-19 activity in Marin:**

Marin Confirmed Cases:	<b>131</b> (11.01% increase from yesterday)
Marin Deaths:	<b>6</b>
Marin Persons Tested:	<b>1,337</b>
Marin Hospitalizations:	<b>16</b>
California Confirmed Cases:	<b>11,207</b>
California Deaths:	<b>246</b>

To see a breakdown of confirmed cases by age or gender, visit Marin HHS's [data website](#). In addition, our surveillance team monitors respiratory illness activity and hospital visits. Tracking the total number of visits and those due to respiratory illnesses provides a situational awareness of current resource needs in our community, which helps advance policies to limit community spread and support our excellent healthcare partners' capacity to respond. Visit the [data website](#) to learn more.

**Public Health Releases Guidance on Face Coverings**

In response to new guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the [Marin County Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) and [Bay Area health officials are recommending](#) that residents cover their nose and mouth when leaving home for essential travel, such as doctor appointments, grocery shopping or pharmacy visits.

Resident face coverings *do not have to be hospital grade* but need to cover the nose and mouth. Home-sewn fabric coverings, bandanas, a "DIY" mask from an old t-shirt and neck gaiters are examples of acceptable face coverings, especially because they can be washed and worn again.

Due to the global demand for personal protective equipment (PPE), there is a severe shortage of PPE across the state. Local officials are prioritizing acquisitions of PPE for healthcare workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Marin HHS asks residents to refrain from purchasing PPE for their own use and to utilize homemade face coverings instead.

**Call for Donations**

If you have excess inventory of PPE to you wish to donate to support our health care and first responder workers, please fill out our

[form](#). In addition, donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at The Salvation Army (351 Mission Avenue, San Rafael), who is collecting on behalf of Marin County Office of Emergency Services.

**Only donations of new, unopened boxes of N95 masks, surgical masks, isolation masks, disposable gowns, and latex gloves will be accepted at this time.**

We are seeking donations from those who have **excess inventory**. Please do not purchase PPE to donate. Individuals should not empty their disaster kits, so if you only have a small box or a couple of unused masks, please keep those items. Finally, we are unable to accept handmade masks, so keep those items to use on your own. If you do not have PPE to donate but still wish to help, consider donating to Marin Community Foundation's [COVID-19 Relief Fund](#).

**An update from your Deputy Public Health Officer**

Dr. Lisa Santora provides updates on Marin County COVID-19 activity, positive testing rates, field testing and advanced care planning.



(Click on the image above or [watch on YouTube](#))

**Where to get the latest information:**

Visit the official Marin County Coronavirus webpage ([MarinHHS.org/coronavirus](http://MarinHHS.org/coronavirus)) to review answers to frequently asked questions, access guidance for special groups and subscribe for email updates. To view past status updates concerning COVID-19 activity in Marin County, click on the resources tab on the [Coronavirus webpage](#).

Have questions? Individuals can contact Marin Health and Human Services with non-medical questions about the coronavirus by calling (415) 473-7191 (Monday – Friday, 9:30am to 12-noon and 1pm to 5pm).