

Cases in California
Acquired from Community spread
3/10/2020

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Dr. Bird, M.D., Health Officer, does not recommend that schools from a county with 'community spread' cases be allowed to visit a school here for an event.

There are nine counties in California with documented COVID-19 cases acquired from 'community spread'. Community spread means this is 'an illness for which the source of infection is unknown'. These cases had no relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient with COVID-19. These are confirmed cases reported as of 3/9/2020.

1. Contra Costa
2. Los Angeles
3. Santa Clara
4. San Francisco,
5. San Mateo
6. Riverside
7. Sacramento
8. Solano
9. Yolo

Merced County Department of Public Health will update this list as we receive new information. Los Angeles County was added today, 3/10/2020.

COVID-19 cases fall under three categories:

1. Travel related – Case has returned from a country/region with widespread COVID-19 (e.g., China, Italy)
2. Person-to-person – Case has contact with a known COVID-19 case (e.g., a spouse/family member or health care provider with known exposure)
3. Community – Case for which the source of infection is unknown. These cases had no relevant travel history or exposure to another known patient with COVID-19.

Please note that this is a rapidly evolving situation and is subject to change.