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Merced County Announces Possible Person-to-Person Transmission of COVID-19

The Merced County Department of Public Health (Department) is testing an individual with symptoms of COVID-19 that has been exposed to another individual who tested positive for COVID-19. The Department is issuing appropriate quarantine and isolation orders and also expanding the search for other possible exposed individuals while awaiting results of their test. Dr. Ken Bird has stated that “due to protected health information requirements and the necessity to maintain the patient’s confidentiality, we are not able to further disclose any additional information at this time.”

For more information about COVID-19, visit [www.countyofmerced.com/coronavirus](http://www.countyofmerced.com/coronavirus)