Fresno Co. Stats as of Wed 6/24/20 3:28pm

Last Week 6/18/20
- Total Cases: 2,900 (+583)
  - Out of 94,566 test results received and processed.
- 77 (Travel-Related) (+9)
- 1,293 (Close Contact) (+202)
- 1,076 (Community-Spread / Unknown) (+197)
- 454 (Under Investigation) (+174)
- Total Deaths: 61 (+12)
- Ever Hospitalized: 279 (+38)
- Recovered: 839* (+154)
- Detailed Information: [www.fresno.ca.gov/covid19data](http://www.fresno.ca.gov/covid19data)
  - Data & Surveillance Dashboard

This week Numbers:
- Total Cases: 3,892 (+922)
  - Out of 48,706 test results received and processed.
- 83 (Travel-Related) (+6)
- 1,660 (Close Contact) (approx. +202)
- 1,400 (Community-Spread / Unknown) (approx. +324)
- 879 (Under Investigation) (+423)
- Total Deaths: 71 (+10)
- Ever Hospitalized: 328 (+49)
- Recovered: 1,066* (+227)
- Detailed Information: [www.fresno.ca.gov/covid19data](http://www.fresno.ca.gov/covid19data)
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Health Officer Approved to open Friday, June 26
- Movie theaters and family entertainment centers (attestation required)
- Expanded personal services such as nail salons, esthetician, skincare, electrology, cosmetology, tattoo parlors, piercings, body art and body waxing (attestation required)
  - In the interest of public safety more time is needed to ensure they reopen safely.
  - Health Department is working closely with these businesses to help prepare for reopening

New Resource: COVID-19 Reopening Guidance Table
- [https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=46497](https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=46497)

Stage 3-Not approved to open at this time
- Saunas and steam rooms
- Live theater
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Higher education

[https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/](https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/)
Q: Is there anyone doing mobile testing for individuals who are shut in or do not have access to travel to a testing site?

Testing Updates

- New Testing Site list on health department website
  https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19/covid-19-testing-sites

- 3rd Optum Serve Testing site**
  - West Fresno Regional Center at 142 E. California Ave, Fresno 93706
  - Tuesday – Saturday from 7:00am-7:00pm
  - Online registration is available now

- Upcoming Testing Site (Hmong Community)
  - Kings Winery Medical Clinic- June 30, 2020 from 830-10am 4929 E Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, 93727
  - Patients can make appointment for test by calling 559-255-6476

- Westside Church of God testing event on June 27th – **Cancelled** due to Heat (projection 108°F)
We are seeing an increase in close contact. We are seeing more cases in essential workers, food processing, fast food, and meat and poultry processing. We are working with employers and taking monumental steps to avoid having the virus come into the facility. In some cases, we have had to ask people to return to work with extra precautions if they are asymptomatic.

Once a disease gets into a facility where there is close contact – we are seeing it now in the jail – it gets transmitted very quickly and is difficult to contain. We continue to conduct contact tracing and isolation protocols. We have been using 100 staff to do that work and are trying to get some of those workers back to regular work. We have been hiring licensed vocational nurses with community experience. We will do recruitments as we go forward.

We know there is a missing piece. We hear there is a lot of misunderstanding or denial about COVID-19. We are going to need to lean on our CBOs for more education in targeted populations. We are hoping to come out with funding.

We are increasing testing and adding capacity at our community clinics. United Health Services is now doing 150 tests/day. We want that to expand. That means there needs to be an education piece – before, what the test results mean, what needs to happen afterwards. We are trying to identify how to package all those pieces together for hard to reach areas. Both the City and County are looking for additional partners to do this.

While we are developing all this, we need to keep up with all the cases coming in. That has been a challenge. We are working closely with our partners in the health care system and other counties addressing the cross-county concerns.

We have a lot of calls on the CARES Act money over the next 6 months, but we will be allocating some funds toward the hard to reach populations.

Q – What will determine whether we need to shut back down?

DPH: We are looking at a number of factors – hospitalization, capacity, modifying behavior through non-pharmaceutical interventions such as funeral or wedding gatherings – this last is a real challenge. We may have to ratchet down on some industries now open. It is a tricky issue right now. We need to reinforce that now is the time to follow the requirements of the State. We don’t think that a full closure is likely at this point.
Q: Gathering guidance clarification. Why is it ok to have 10 people in a restaurant, but not 10 in a family birthday gathering?

DPH: We acknowledge there are inconsistencies. The patrons really need to make good decisions about who is getting together. Think about if birthday parties can be avoided. We want people to think things through. Is it possible that a child or other could result in passing it on to a grandparent? For jails – we were monitoring symptoms and did some surveillance testing. We are seeing it in asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic people. Now infections are growing.

Q: As a community we have a good path in front of us for community and outreach, but we haven’t cracked the nut what to do when a farmworker or similar is positive. We need to figure out better what to do to support families in quarantine.

DPH: That is the next step we need to take. There is good guidance in the Ag industry and employers to get them identified and off the workforce. The problem is – where do they go? That is harder to deal with. I don’t have the answer today. Part of that is family education for when the person comes home.

Comment: It is not education only, it is lack of adequate housing [for isolation] and lack of resources.

Comment: As an NRC we see and hear about the large number of farm workers being transported without precautions. Many farm workers not getting tested even when having symptoms due to reasons as needing to work, not knowing their rights. We have heard many supervisors believing that COVID-19 is not true.

Ashley – Let’s look for best practices, wraparound services, targeted food delivery, motel vouchers, etc. We know there is at least another six months of this.

Comment: CBDIO and Dvra Saxton are helping craft plans for farmworkers, since they’ve been doing ongoing outreach, and providing sanitizing materials to farmworkers already. Let me know if you’re interested in being a partner in that farmworker specific work, and I can connect you to tpacheco@csufresno.edu.

Q: When will we expect future guidance for higher education?

DPH: State is working on it but I don’t anticipate that will be coming out any time soon. The focus has been on K-12.

DPH ANSWERS FROM JUNE 11, 2020

1. As of two weeks ago: 21 Latinos had died from the virus... 11 whites. How 2 does this speak to the approach in the Latino community? It appears that the impact locally is high among Latinos. It is high among Latinos; however, they are also our largest race/ethnicity group and have the highest number of cases so that corresponds to the deaths. At this point, it is not possible to say if it is related to the approach or just the population demographics for the County.

2. Is the data available by percentage of population (by zip code) with positive COVID-19 cases and recover rates by % of population?
   Potentially active cases vs closed cases are provided by Community on the dashboard. With this type of analysis, community level will tell you more than zip code since numbers are smaller in zip codes so do not give you as much information. Incidence is provided per zip code on the Additional Surveillance tab on the Dashboard, Incidence is the number of cases in the zip code divided by the population size x 10,000.

3. Could you give us an update on deaths by COVID 19 by ethnicity?
   These are analyses we are constantly working on and update when possible. See the Mortality tab on the Dashboard.

4. What is the blank area in West Fresno County on the zip code map?
   The large blank area encompasses unincorporated areas of Fresno County. Currently the numbers are low, if any, with in these areas so they are not included on the map. However, if there are any, you can view the Case Status by Community tab in the same area as the Map tab for additional communities not shown on the map.
5. Is there an attestation form for family entertainment centers? I was unable to find it. DPH just posted the revised guidelines table at https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=46497. The attestation form is now there.

6. As Fresno County pushes to reopen, what is the County doing to support small rural towns like Selma which has a really high number of cases (266)? There are a lot of people and businesses who are not using masks or social distancing. Selma also has a large Latino population, including a vulnerable population of Spanish-speaking farmworkers.

As mentioned on last week’s call, the Department has assigned Liaisons to different rural communities who are showing an increase in positive cases and talked about their role with the cities. This includes Selma and Liaisons are bilingual. The Liaisons are working directly with city staff in each city. The Liaison role is to provide COVID 19 updates specifically for the city and updates on messaging, guidance and strategies on education and outreach and serve as a direct line to DPH.

7. Can there be clarification on why a shut-down was in place with 0 deaths and a few positive COVID cases but we continue to open up with death and numbers (in hospital) are rising even with precautions are in place? The County is following state guidelines and both state and Health Department & County Health Officer are monitoring the data closely, continue to increase testing and contact tracing within Fresno County and work with our partners (schools, faith communities, medical providers, senior care providers, local governments, etc.) remain informed. However, residents can help by doing their part as well by continuing to take essential steps to slow the spread of the disease including staying home when sick, implement social distancing, wear a mask when in public and especially when it is not possible to keep your distance, focusing on good hand hygiene, and avoiding crowds and gatherings. NOTE: In addition, the shut down allowed time for the health sector to prepare to handle a surge of cases whenever it may occur, as well as avoid a fast, high infection rate. By preparing and avoiding the high, fast immediate infections, the length of time with infections is longer, but less likely to overtake the health care sector. This results in fewer deaths over the long term.

COMMUNITY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER – MATT JOSLIN

We have an Incident Command Structure when we have crisis response needs. We interact the most with DPH. It is an interoperable model and is similar to the models used by DPH, County, Fire Dept, etc. This allows us to communicate more easily. We activated the beginning of March.

CRMC is able to provide higher level of care. It is safe to come. A month ago, we started moving back into taking more urgent or elective procedures, ramping up slowly. All of the hospitals felt similarly to be able to give patients those options again. We need to continue to be cautious regarding staffing, testing, PPE. The supply chain for testing has been unpredictable.

Q: Are our ICUs ready?

CRMC: Yes, we are ready, but we are feeling the increased case counts.

Ashley: We are seeing nationally what ICU capacity is. What is CMRC’s capacity?

CRMC: Yes, we provide the information to the State and it goes to DPH.
Ashley: We would like to know whether that information can be public. It is hard to ground that if we don’t know the capacity, etc. It seems like we have not been clear with the public on a regular basis on that. Do you think that is reasonable?

CRMC: People do need to know about the current status. We ask that you on the call reinforce masking, etc, to slow the spread in our community. That will help the medical community as well. We can talk off-line about it.

Ashley: It is important for all of us on this call to rally around to urge that this information be transparent, especially if it is aggregated information. We can come together to watch the needle.

CRMC: We can talk off-line about how to share aggregate information.

DPH: Hospital information can be found here: https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/#track-data

Fresno COMMUNITY HOUSING SURVEY
Separate surveys for landlords and tenants in English and Spanish are occurring now. It will be active for another week.

Fresno Community Housing Surveys

• Lynette Madrigal-Granados
  Fresno/Madera Youth for Christ
  Christian Community Development Collective

• Tenant Survey
  in partnership with Central California Legal Services

• Landlord Survey
  in partnership with California Apartment Association

• Survey is live now

Please encourage participation. To access:

  Tenant Survey:  [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
  Landlord Survey:  [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
Utility help requests are increasing. Low-income housing is higher than it normally is.

Unmet needs – if there is a city in the data of unmet needs (not all) I can do a sampling for specific questions. Please contact Lindsay Callahan at lcallahan@uwfm.org.