



# News Release

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## **Stanislaus County Public Health Reports 1st Positive Test Case of COVID-19 in the City of Hughson**

*"We need to continue to do our part to reduce the potential spread of the Coronavirus in our community. Hughson is resilient and will get past this by leaning on each other during these challenging times ahead." – Hughson City Manager and Director of Emergency Services Raul L. Mendez*

Yesterday evening, Stanislaus County Public Health reported the first positive test case of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in the City of Hughson. The information is updated daily on the agency website:

<http://www.schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/>

As of this press release, the total number of COVID-19 positive test cases in Stanislaus County was 58. The total number of negative test cases was 1,476 and 0 related deaths. Stanislaus County Public Health began reporting the positive test cases earlier in the week by city once it reached 35, except for cities under 25,000 in population to protect patient medical privacy. For those smaller jurisdictions (including Hughson), the statistic would be shared as either 0 or the range of 1-4 until it reached 5 (at which point the exact number will be reported going forward).

On April 3, the last remaining cities in Stanislaus County without a positive test case, Hughson and Newman, showed between 1-4 positive test cases. Although not unexpected, the statistics serve as a reminder that the impact of COVID-19 in Stanislaus County is still on the rise and local efforts to reduce its spread need to continue.

On March 17, 2020, Hughson City Manager, Raul L. Mendez, under his authority as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a proclamation of a local emergency in the City of Hughson, in accordance with the California Emergency Services Act and the Hughson Municipal Code in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hughson City Council ratified the declaration during its March 23, 2020 regular meeting.

In the last few weeks, Hughson has taken measured steps to do its part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. City facilities were immediately closed to the minimize public contact. The reservation and use of City facilities was also suspended until further notice. Programs (senior, exercise, table tennis, etc.) at City facilities were cancelled, postponed or modified. Local restaurants were encouraged to close, if possible, or institute measures in accordance with State and County directives. City annual events were cancelled or postponed. This included the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival, Love Hughson, Citywide Cleanup, Citywide Yard Sale, Bike to Work/School, etc. City employees continue to work and carry out their essential functions such as public safety, water and sewer, processing of payments, answering questions about COVID-19 and more.

Additional measures were instituted following [Governor Newsom's Stay at Home Order](#) (March 19, 2020) and the [Stanislaus County Public Health Officer's Order](#) (March 31, 2020) that included clarification for local implementation and tools for enforcement. Following these Orders, the City of Hughson began working with local restaurants to move toward delivery and take out by curbside service only and the closing of all park amenities and playground equipment at City recreational facilities. City staff will continue to work with enforcement agencies to ensure that compliance is achieved and is confident that the community will respond positively as it has done in the past during difficult times.

Also, the City of Hughson continues to work with its local partners, including Hughson Police Services, Hughson Fire Protection District, Hughson Unified School District, Hughson Ministerial Association, Hughson Chamber of Commerce, Stanislaus County, Opportunity Stanislaus, non-profit organizations and others to provide support to local residents and businesses during these challenging times. This includes identifying seniors 65+ and older and those with chronic conditions to offer support and provide critical services.

[Stanislaus County Public Health](#), the [State of California Governor Newsom's COVID-19 Portal](#) and the [Center for Disease Control](#) are reliable sources for the latest of COVID-19. Specifically, for residents that test positive for COVID-19, there are resources available to assist in a variety of ways. Several excellent factsheets developed by Stanislaus County Public Health and available on their website are:

- [General Information On The Coronavirus.](#)
- [What To Do If I Am Exposed.](#)
- [Social Distancing.](#)

The City appreciates the efforts of residents, businesses, and local partners during the current pandemic. These are unprecedented times and City staff will do their best to keep everyone informed through a variety of outlets including print, website and social media.

For more information, please visit the City of Hughson website at [www.hughson.org](http://www.hughson.org) or call 209.883.4054.

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