Meeting Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Background on COVID-19
3. Response actions taken by the Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH)
4. Response actions going forward
5. What can you and your agency do?
PRELIMINARY U.S. FLU BURDEN ESTIMATES

So far this season, CDC estimates there have been at least:

- 29 million illnesses
- 13 million medical visits
- 280,000 hospitalizations
- 16,000 deaths

Based on data from Oct. 1, 2019, through Feb. 15, 2020

*Because influenza surveillance does not capture all cases of flu that occur in the U.S., CDC provides these estimated ranges to better reflect the larger burden of influenza. These estimates are calculated based on CDC’s weekly influenza surveillance data and are preliminary.*
What you need to know about COVID-19

- There is **currently no immediate public health emergency here in Fresno County.**
- **All levels of government are working together proactively** and taking every possible precaution to respond to threats of public health.
- Preventive measures for respiratory viruses include frequent handwashing and covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
- **Stay informed** by visiting www.fcdph.org/COVID19
Background on COVID-19

• Origins of the virus
• What are the symptoms?
• What illness does it cause?
• How contagious is this disease?
• What is the status of lab testing?
• What about a vaccine?
• Shifting from containment to mitigation
COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance*

United States (as of 3/3/20)

60 total cases
  • 22 Travel-related
  • 11 Person-to-person spread
  • 27 Under investigation

*These data represent cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since January 21, 2020. This includes both confirmed and presumptive positive cases reported to CDC. It does not include people who returned to the U.S. via State Department-chartered flights.
COVID-19: California at a Glance

California (as of 3/2/20)

43 total confirmed cases
- 24 Repatriation
- 10 Travel-related
- 2 Person-to-person (family)
- 3 Person-to-person (health care)
- 4 Unknown
Fresno County Response To-Date

1. Coordination with CDC and State Department of Public Health
2. Monitoring travelers
3. Coordination with hospitals, medical providers, schools, and airports
4. Public education
Steps Going Forward

FCDPH will increase response framework
• Implementing an Incident Command System - ICS
• More structured and deliberate communication with several sectors
  ✓ Medical Providers, Clinics, Institutions
  ✓ Local Governments
  ✓ Schools - Kindergarten through University
  ✓ First Responders EMS/Law/Fire
  ✓ Faith Based Organizations
• Teleconferencing, email, and FCDPH website will be primary points of communication
What can you and your school do?

1. Revisit your organization’s plans for continuity of operations
2. Update internal communication protocols
3. Re-enforce good hygiene practices for flu
4. Encourage blood donations
Protect your health and those around you

• Washing hands with soap and water.
• Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
• Avoiding close contact with people who are sick are all ways to reduce the risk of infection with a number of different viruses.
• Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

Department of Public Health
Questions?

• FCDPH staff are available to assist you.
• Please contact the Public Health Communication team if you have additional questions.
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Resources

- Local - www.fcdph.org/COVID19
- State - www.cdph.ca.gov
- Federal - www.cdc.gov
- World Health - www.who.int