



## Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

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# Press Release

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## **2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update for Mendocino County: Large Events and Community Gatherings**

**At this time, there are ZERO confirmed cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Mendocino County.** However, we are preparing for a possible pandemic of COVID-19 as recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in light of increasing community spread worldwide.

**As Mendocino County has NO evidence of community spread at this time, Mendocino County Health Officer, Dr. Noemi Doohan, is not ordering the cancellation of events.**

However, we encourage event organizers to take the following steps based on recommendations from CDPH:

- Create a plan for how to modify, cancel, or postpone large events in the case of a COVID-19 outbreak (which means community spread to people who do not have relevant travel history or exposure to a known patient)
- Modify, cancel, or postpone if participants are traveling from communities with COVID-19 outbreaks
- Promote messages that discourage people who are sick from attending events

-Encourage social distancing and participation capability such as live stream

-Provide COVID-19 prevention supplies at your events, including sinks with soap, hand sanitizers, and tissues

You can find more information on mass gatherings from CDPH here:  
<http://bit.ly/2PZRvpC>

Mendocino County continues to work with state and federal health authorities, as well as with our local health care providers to track our county's health status and to give direction regarding COVID-19.

**Mendocino County's Coronavirus Webpage: <http://bit.ly/mendoph>**

**Coronavirus Hotline: (707) 234-6052 or [callcenter@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:callcenter@mendocinocounty.org)**

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