

## **Coronavirus Briefing by the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and Department of Public Health (DPH) for City and County Elected Officials**

*Tuesday, March 10 at 4:00pm*

### Call Overview

CalOES and DPH held a call for local elected officials to give brief updates and take questions.

### Department of Public Health Update – Dr. Gil Chavez, Center for Infectious Disease at DPH

- The DPH is acting very quickly to protect public health and safety.
- California is working closely with state, local, and federal officials to address this epidemic.
- Their goal is to minimize the introduction on new cases to California, and slow/mitigate their spread within California.
- Current Statistics for COVID-19 in California:
  - 157 lab confirmed cases in California;
  - 24 are repatriations from other countries;
  - 133 are not related to repatriation flights:
    - 50 are travel related;
    - 30 are from person to person transmission; and
    - 29 cases are due to community transmission.
- Statewide Data - Age of cases:
  - There are only 2% cases in children 0-7;
  - 59% cases for those aged 18-64 years old; and
  - 39% cases for those aged over 65.
  - Risk varies by community so work closely with your local public health officials.
- Risk populations are older people, aged over 65.
- Since the last call, DPH has issued numerous guidance documents to help address various issues; this includes the [guidance](#) on mass gatherings on March 7. Also issued guidance on [school](#) and [higher education](#).
- DPH is recommending some non-essential events may need to be modified.

### CalOES (Response Operations) Update – Eric Lamoureux (Acting) Deputy Director

- The State Operations Center is operating at its highest level, and has since last Monday.
- DPH is embedded with CalOES at the State Operations Center to be appropriately coordinating.
- CalOES is continuing to work with local and federal partners on the Grand Princess cruise ship in Oakland and ensuring the passengers and community are safe and cared for.

### John Greene, Director, Emergency Management and Medical Operations, Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Dept. of Health and Human Services:

- The debarking of the Grand Princess ship still continues. All Californians have been removed from the ship. 100 or so non-Californians are still being removed to be sent to facilities out of state.

CalOES announced a customer service line for information regarding the Grand Princess Cruise passengers for family members: 888-358-8055

## Questions and Answers

- **Grand Princess passengers, where are people being taken if they are not being transported to Travis Air Force Base?**  
Only individuals that are not showing symptoms and have not tested positive that can go to Travis Air Force Base. There are some passengers being transported to hospitals if they need medical care and/or symptomatic.
- **Current state guidelines on teleconferencing are not adequate for folks who are self-quarantining. Can the Governor waive this requirement under his emergency declaration?**  
They are considering that and will get back with more information.
- **Will the government do something to help small businesses?’**  
The President has introduced an economic package to help small businesses, and the Small Business Administration is looking into this issue. Go-Biz created a [resources page](#) on their website today with more information for employees and employers.
- **What about folks who have arenas and convention centers? Will those employees be covered? What will the guidelines be for cities? Will cities be asked to not continue with those?**  
DPH has issued [guidance](#) on this for mass gatherings. Different communities are experiencing different levels of transmission, so consult the guidance and your local public health officer.