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Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Announces 5 Confirmed Cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Malibu. Mayor Urges Residents to Follow Stay at Home and Social Distancing Orders

(Malibu, CA) – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) announced on April 2 five (5) confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Malibu.

“My heart goes out to our Malibu residents who have contracted this terrible disease, and all of Malibu joins me in wishing them and their family and friends a full and speedy recovery,” Mayor Karen Farrer. “No one in Malibu, or anywhere in America, will be able to avoid being impacted by this pandemic. I urge everyone in our community to come together and follow the stay safe at home orders, and support each other so that we can slow the spread of coronavirus and protect our vulnerable residents.”

LADPH also confirmed on April 2 that there were 13 new deaths and 534 new cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the County. Twelve of the 13 deaths reported today occurred in people over the age of 65; one person was between 41– 65 years old. All reported underlying health conditions except for one individual over the age of 65. Additional information regarding some of the new cases is pending further investigation. Over the last 48 hours, there have been 1047 new cases.

See the complete LADPH press release, which includes numbers of confirmed cases and deaths for all cities in LA County, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2292>.

To date, LADPH has identified 4045 cases across all areas of LA County, including 78 deaths. Upon further investigation, seven cases reported earlier were not LA County residents. As of today, 879 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (22% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness.

Emerging evidence suggests that there may be a significant number of people infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others. New guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that we need to think about using universal precautions all the time – assuming that each of us can infect others even when we aren’t sick.

“Our hearts go out to the families of every Angeleno who has lost someone to this frightening disease,” said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Los Angeles County Public Health Director. “The psychological impact of rising case counts and deaths is real, both individually and collectively, and I urge everyone to take care of their emotional health and to check in frequently with those in your extended communities. This will be a long haul,

and we have many weeks of work ahead before we begin to see the benefits of our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. But if we act as one community against this virus, by staying home as much as possible, self-isolating when we are sick and self-quarantining if we've been exposed, we will get through this, together."

Public Health has issued the following guidance for people with mild illness during this time of increased spread:

- If you are mildly sick, stay home for at least seven days and until 72 hours after being fever and symptom free. Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick.

For additional steps you can take to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

For more information, visit:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health coronavirus page:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Información de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) en español:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index-sp.html>.

For more information about the City of Malibu's coronavirus response, visit

www.MalibuCity.org/coronavirus.

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