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Lake County's 16th and 17th COVID-19-Related Deaths Reported

2nd Residential Facility Outbreak has, "Started to Stabilize"

LAKE COUNTY, CA – In a YouTube update released Tuesday afternoon, October 27, Lake County's Public Health Officer, Gary Pace, MD, MPH, reported Lake County's 16th death from COVID-19-related causes:

"This person was over 65, lived in a senior residential facility, and had chronic medical issues," said Pace.

Thursday, Public Health Officials were informed of a 17th COVID-19-related death. This individual was over 60, had chronic medical issues, and was living at the same senior residential facility.

Both deaths reported this week were connected to Lake County's 2^{nd} outbreak at a residential facility.

Pace noted that outbreak has now, "Started to stabilize."

"Each time we receive a report of a COVID-connected death in Lake County, it is a stark and painful reminder of just how destructive this virus can be," shared Pace, "not only to the individuals that pass away, but to all of those connected to them."

"COVID-19 is prevalent in our communities," continued Pace. "Think about the people you know. If you are closely associated with someone working in a job that requires a lot of public contact, or direct interaction with vulnerable individuals, for example, please be vigilant in taking precautions at all times. Simple precautions can be life-saving."

To protect the privacy of all concerned, no further information will be provided at this time.

Data regarding Lake County's documented COVID-19 infections is available here: http://health.co.lake.ca.us/Coronavirus/COVID-19_Data.htm