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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE TO POTENTIAL COVID-19 EXPOSURE IN ISLA VISTA

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) -- The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has received the COVID-19 testing results for the five individuals recently placed under quarantine. All test results have come back negative. The five persons will remain in self-quarantine, in their residences until March 22, when the Health Officer Order will be lifted.

As a reminder, people under quarantine are healthy individuals that are known to have been exposed to someone with a potential communicable disease, in this case COVID-19. People under quarantine exhibiting symptoms will be tested for COVID-19.

Community members are reminded to continue practicing social distancing measures including limiting unnecessary outings, maintaining 6 feet of distance between people, and limiting gatherings involving those with higher risk for severe illness.

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