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Joint Press Release #2

Date: September 29, 2017

RE: Viral Meningitis in Lassen County

Lassen County Public Health Department and Banner Lassen Medical Center are partnering to manage the identification and reporting of patients who present for care of signs and symptoms of viral meningitis. At this time, there is one confirmed case and 21 suspect cases of viral meningitis. 4 cases have been ruled-out of having viral meningitis through laboratory confirmation. For the suspect cases, laboratory results are still being conducted and are awaiting final results.

The call center for community members, who are need of information regarding this situation, is staffed 24 hours a day. The phone number is (530) 252-2300.

Lassen High School and Lassen Community College will remain closed and will tentatively re-open on Monday, October 2, 2017. Extracurricular activities at these school sites will also remain canceled until further notice. Lassen County Public Health and Banner Lassen Medical Center consulted with the Center for Disease Control and based on the information provided we have taken all of the appropriate measures, and no other school closures are recommended, at this time.

We will continue to update the public as information becomes available.