



**For immediate release  
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## **Two recent deaths suspicious for COVID-19**

Two Yuba-Sutter residents died at Adventist Health and Rideout last night and early this morning. Both cases are highly suspicious for COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death. Both persons were in their 80s. COVID-19 testing samples were both collected recently and results are pending. Public Health will be sure to alert the public of the outcomes of the tests.

“We are saddened by this loss of life from suspected COVID-19, and it’s a terrible reminder of just how dangerous this illness can be for the elderly and chronically ill,” said Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. “The most vulnerable in our community are at risk for the most severe consequences of this disease, and each person who ignores the order to stay at home or fails to practice good hand washing and social distancing practices increases the chances of spreading the illness.”

Dr. Luu emphasizes that the most important thing people with COVID-19 symptoms can do is immediately isolate themselves from others. She said Yuba-Sutter residents with mild cases should follow the recommendations to remain at home, avoid vulnerable individuals, practice good cough/sneeze etiquette, and maintain good hand hygiene. Those exhibiting severe symptoms should contact their physician or Urgent Care.

For more information, visit [BePreparedYuba.org](http://BePreparedYuba.org) or [BePreparedSutter.org](http://BePreparedSutter.org). A bi-county Call Center is also fielding general calls at 749-7700. For information on the state order and state resources, visit [COVID19.CA.GOV](http://COVID19.CA.GOV).

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