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Health Officials Announce COVID-19 Test Result

A man in his 50s is the first Shasta County resident to receive a presumptive diagnosis of COVID-19, the novel Coronavirus. The patient is recovering in isolation at home. The Shasta County Public Health Laboratory ran the first tests, which were positive, and they will be sent to the CDC for confirmation.

The man has a history of recent travel. Public health staff are conducting contact tracing now to identify anyone who had been in close contact with the patient.

Health Officer Karen Ramstrom will be available to the press at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at 2615 Breslauer Way. Doors will open 10 minutes earlier for set up.

Go to www.shastahhsa.net for more information on how to protect yourself from Coronavirus.