



Public Health Division

# County of Santa Cruz

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## CA NOTIFY APP AVAILABLE DEC. 10

With COVID-19-related case counts, hospitalizations and deaths on the rise, the State of California is releasing new technology to help residents assist in contact tracing and disease monitoring efforts.

Beginning Thursday, December 10, residents may download the CA Notify app for cellular devices from their preferred app store. Downloading the app will help public health officials monitor coronavirus transmission and provides residents a way to assist in reducing the spread of the disease.

Once installed, the app may tell individuals whether they have been exposed through close contacts to someone who has tested positive for the virus. With that information, they can make responsible decisions around quarantine and testing, which is essential for stopping the surge.

Those who opt in and get a positive test result will receive a code via text message from the California Department of Public Health. The technology is easy to use and protects privacy because no location data or personally identifiable information is ever collected, stored or transmitted.

“The more people download and use this app, the more helpful it is to our efforts to contain this disease,” Santa Cruz County Health Director Mimi Hall said. “It helps us save lives. Our contact tracers are stretched thin, and every day counts when it comes to alerting others of a possible exposure so that they may begin quarantine and protect those around them.”

For more information, go to [www.canotify.ca.gov](http://www.canotify.ca.gov).



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