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SHIGELLA NEWS UPDATE

Santa Clara County, CA: The number of outbreak associated cases of Shigella reported to Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) now stands at 110; 92 of these cases are Santa Clara County residents and 18 reported cases are people who live in other counties. Of the 110 total cases, 24 are lab confirmed; 19 of which are Santa Clara County residents. There are 5 confirmed cases from other jurisdictions, including San Mateo County, Alameda County and Santa Cruz County. We are working closely with our colleagues in these counties on the ongoing outbreak investigation.

SCCPHD is focused on the outbreak investigation: counting and following up on all reported cases. We are still receiving reported cases from healthcare providers. Mariscos San Juan #3 restaurant is cooperating with the investigation, and the restaurant remains closed. We expect to have lab results from all food handlers who work there early next week.

We want the public to know that Shigella is extremely contagious. People with diarrhea – even mild - must not work, especially food service workers, healthcare providers, and childcare workers. We expect to see some secondary infections. Careful, frequent hand washing is extremely important in preventing the continued spread of the outbreak.

We will continue to provide updates, daily, via our Website: www.sccphd.org.

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