

# San Bernardino County reports first coronavirus case

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, Calif.** - San Bernardino County has reported its first case of novel coronavirus. Officials say the case appeared in a Kaiser Fontana patient who returned from London last week.

A test was administered by Quest Diagnostics on March 12 and the results were reported to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health on Sunday.

The health department says the patient is a 53-year-old woman. The health department says they are working to identify the patient's contacts and monitor them for signs and symptoms.

"While this patient and her loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers, we want to commend the community for its strength and resilience in the face of this challenge," Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman said in [press release](#). "Avoiding panic and heeding the advice of public health professionals is the path that will lead us through this crisis."

On March 10, the County Public Health Officer and the Board of Supervisors declared a local health emergency which helps to ensure the county government and the public would be prepared for the possibility that coronavirus appears in the county.