

# San Bernardino County reports first coronavirus-related death as cases jump to 38

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San Bernardino County has reported its first death associated with the [novel coronavirus](#).

A 50-year-old man with underlying health conditions has died, county officials said.

Earlier Tuesday, March 24, [county health officials said there were 31 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#). An additional seven cases were reported later in the day, bringing the county's total to 38.

"Our hearts go out to this gentleman's loved ones," Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman said in a county news release. "This is a sad milestone in our county's fight against this global pandemic. This loss reminds us how vital it is that we comply with official health orders to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities safe."

The confirmed cases include [Big Bear Lake Mayor Rick Herrick](#), an [employee at Dominguez Elementary School](#) in San Bernardino and a [San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy](#).