



Last Saturday, folks headed for the lakes to escape the valley heat. At Lakeshore Resort on Huntington Lake, people enjoyed the marina, general store and more. Many bicyclers were observed in this area. CATCHPOLE PHOTO

A cool spot to visit

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With temperatures in the valley and foothills approaching the century mark on Father's Day weekend, many people escaped the heat by traveling up to mountain lakes. On Saturday, hundreds if not thousands of people drove up seeking a parking spot so they could get down to the lake. Shaver Lake shorelines were lined with tent canopies and groups of people trying to maintain their social distancing while having picnics, fishing, jet skiing, swimming or just floating around on pontoon boats. The marinas are mostly open, but parking

is still limited.

At Huntington Lake there were fewer people, mainly because the campgrounds are still closed. This allowed for even more social distancing opportunities in the cool air. Two open day-use picnic areas were filled to capacity. The resorts and stores are open for business. Customers were observed using the Rancheria Enterprises store and marina. China Peak marina and rentals are open and their restaurant will open on the Fourth of July weekend.

During a stop at the Lakeshore Resort restaurant for lunch, the office staff noted that the resorts are open and

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Testing

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cars lined up and distanced from each other moved forward as directed by the nurses at the test site.

Registered nurse Shannon Eldridge of the Prather clinic was the person designated to perform the test. She inserted a thin cotton swab high into the nose of the person being tested—it was not painful but did cause some coughing and watery eyes. The swabs were then marked with the name of the person and placed in a secure travel carrier to go to the county lab where the results would be determined.

After each car's occupants were tested and drove away, the driver of the next car would be summoned to pull forward to the area that

the Fresno County Department of Public Health had set up for testing and collecting the material used in the internal nose swab.

After the test, participants were told they would be contacted in two to three days with the results. No report was made available to this reporter on the condition of those who were tested, as that information falls under HIPPA privacy laws. But those 33 people who were tested are now aware of their condition with respect to the virus, specific to the time they were tested.

Clinic nurses were Shannon Eldridge, RN, and Moriah Bonilla, PHN/RN. Assisting were Sarah Goulart PHN/RN and Patty Ramos RN and, from Fresno County, Rebecca Herrera PHN and Stephanie Yang LVN.



The testing site was set up in the parking lot of the Central Valley Indian Health clinic in Prather. RN Shannon Eldridge did the testing honors. Thirty-three residents participated by invitation. GALLEGOS PHOTO

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Bouyant Black Phoebe

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For a number of years at our home east of Clovis, my husband and I have enjoyed watching the antics of and listening to a handsome bird with a black head, breast and upper parts and contrasting white belly that is a Black Phoebe. It is the only black-breasted flycatcher in the US and is strictly a western bird. The sharp color break between the black breast and the white belly causes many observers to comment that the bird is "dressed in formal attire."



Black Phoebe (*sayornis nigricans*). GARY WOODS PHOTO

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