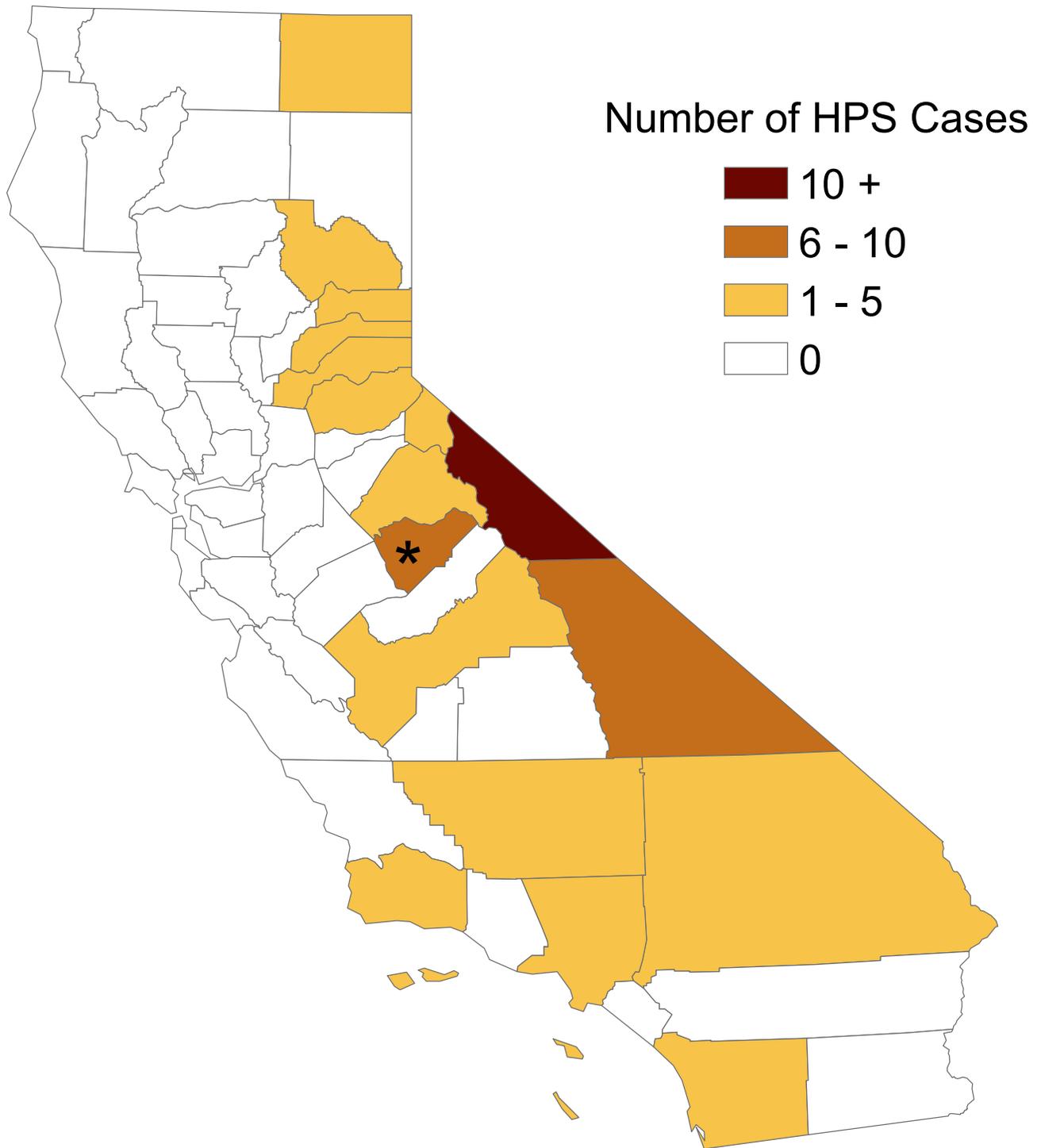


Distribution of 59 Reported Cases of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) in California Residents by Most Likely County of Exposure Through December 2015[†]



[†] Most likely county of exposure was determined based on patient history, epidemiologic investigation, and environmental evaluation. A total of 71 HPS cases were reported from February 1980 through December 2015. For eight cases with travel outside California, the state where exposure occurred could not be determined. For four other cases with no travel outside California, the county of exposure could not be determined. Deer mice (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), the principal reservoir and vector for the causative agent of HPS, can be found throughout California. Individuals should always take appropriate precautions anywhere mice and other rodents are present to reduce the risk of exposure to HPS and other rodent-borne diseases.

* HPS patients were exposed in Yosemite National Park in June-July 2012