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TWO MORE CONFIRMATIONS BRING HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL CASES TO 16

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 16.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest cases are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information follows:

- Case 16 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 15 – A man in his 20s, whose case remains under investigation. He is from out-of-state and is self-isolating in Humboldt County.

Of the 14 previously reported cases, one has been released from the hospital, four are hospitalized, and 10 are self-isolating at home.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said the cases underscore his primary message to local residents: respect social distancing, carefully wash your hands after handling any items, stay home to limit exposure, and wear a mask if going out in public is necessary.

“In the end, the most important thing for anyone to focus on in this pandemic is our behavior. No matter what the number of cases is, the behavior modification needs to be the same. The things we need to be doing are exactly the same,” Dr. Stringham said.

He added, “The problem is not combating the virus; it’s combating our behavior. We will give the most attention to the things we deem the most important. If we are to overcome this virus in our community, practicing appropriate preventive measures has to be our main focus.”

Dr. Stringham reiterated:

- Stay home to protect others.
- Practice everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay informed. The COVID-19 situation is changing frequently. Up-to-date information is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Local residents who have mild fever, cough, or other respiratory symptoms should go to Humboldt General Hospital's West Campus screening clinic, located at 51 E. Haskell Street; the clinic is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Senior residents should call the clinic first at (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, so staff may direct their arrival.

Anyone who is experiencing severe respiratory distress should proceed immediately to the HGH Emergency Department. For complete guidance, please visit www.hghospital.org.

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