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### **HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS TWO MORE COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 18**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 18.

Seventeen of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while one was confirmed out of area, but is self-isolating in Humboldt County.

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 18 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 17 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 16 previously reported cases, one has been released from the hospital and is self-isolating at home, four are hospitalized, and 11 are self-isolating at home.

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

“This virus is not the threat; our behavior is the threat,” said Dr. Stringham. “Most people are very concerned about who may have this virus and what that means for them, but if they change their strategy and simply stay away from other people, they do not need to worry.”

Dr. Stringham reiterated:

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a mask if going out in public is necessary.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other people at all times.
- 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](http://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](http://www.hghospital.org).

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