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HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 20

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 20.

As a reminder, 19 of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while one was confirmed out of area.

Based on available information, close contacts of the two 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 20 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with two previously reported cases. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 19 – A woman in her 60s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 18 previously reported cases, one has been released from the hospital and is self-isolating at home, four are hospitalized, 12 are self-isolating at home, and one has returned to his home state to self-isolate.

Dr. Stringham said Humboldt County has made some positive strides this week. "More local residents are taking this threat seriously as witnessed by the number of people wearing masks and the number of people practicing social distancing," he said.

Additionally, outreach has begun in earnest to the business community, and a Spanish COVID-19 Facebook page has been launched @CovidEspanol. Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information also are available at @StopHumboldtCoronavirus and @HumboldtCountyNV.

The doctor said residents cannot become complacent, however.

"I am asking our community to accept my invitation today to do the right things: to stay home to limit exposure, to wear a mask if going out in public is necessary, to respect social distancing, and to carefully wash their hands after handling any items."

He added, "If people will do the right things, we can end this today. If they don't do the right things, we will continue to see new cases in our county."

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.

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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