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SEVEN MORE COVID-19 CASE BRINGS HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL TO 34

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of seven more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 34.

Thirty-three of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while one was confirmed out of area.

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 34 – A woman in her 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 33 – A male in his teens, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 32 – A woman in her 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 31 – A woman in her 70s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 30 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 29 – A woman in her 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 28 – A woman in her 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 27 previously reported cases, five have recovered, three are hospitalized, 17 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the county is in the process of setting up a local tracking team that will help ensure that confirmed individuals are complying with their self-isolation instructions.

“We are raising our watch care to the next level,” he said. “This is a highly contagious disease and we must ensure that those who have been affected understand their responsibility in preventing transmission to others.”

Dr. Stringham urged county residents to maintain at least six feet of distance from others at all times and to wear a mask anytime they are in the vicinity of others.

“If every single person does this, we will stop this virus,” he said. “If people continue to disregard this very important counsel, then we will continue to see this virus spread throughout our community.”

Local residents who need a mask may message Dr. Stringham on the Stop Coronavirus in Humboldt County Now Facebook page @stophumboldtcoronavirus.

To join the fight against COVID-19, please:

- 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.

Local COVID-19 information is available in Spanish @CovidEspanol. Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information are available in English at @StopHumboldtCoronavirus and @HumboldtCountyNV.

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