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HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 37

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 37.

Out of 31 pending cases for today, 22 came back negative; nine are still pending.

Thirty-six 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 case 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 37 – A woman in her 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 36 previously reported cases, five have recovered, two are hospitalized, 27 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said his message to the community continues to be one of safety.

"Delivering a message of safety to all of you is the very apex of our campaign against this virus," he said.

The doctor noted that his team has primarily relied on social media, radio, newspapers, TV, and in-person appearances to educate the public. This week, the group will be adding a recorded phone call through the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

"We are hoping to reach those who have not seen or heard the message yet through our public awareness campaign—and to reinforce our message for those who have," he said.

Dr. Stringham continued to urge 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.

However, he also reminded county residents that masks are not a substitute for social distancing. Instead, they increase a person's safety when used in addition to distancing.

Local residents who need a mask may message Dr. Stringham on the Stop Coronavirus in Humboldt County Now Facebook page @stophumboldtcoronavirus. Masks also are available by messaging @MuccaMaskMakers on Facebook.

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 @HumboldtCountyNV and @StopHumboldtCoronavirus.

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