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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS THIRD COVID-19 DEATH

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its third death from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, "I am very sorry to share that a third member of our community died from Coronavirus this morning."

The man, who was in his 60s, was one of Humboldt County's previously confirmed cases; he was hospitalized at the time of his death.

Dr. Stringham said, "I hope that as a community, we can feel the weight of this death, the sorrow of this family's loss, and the role we all play in helping to stop this virus's spread."

He continued, "I ask that every single person in our community join with me in our aggressive fight against this virus. If you are not yet engaged in doing the right things, all of us desperately need your help!"

Dr. Stringham asked that everyone stay at least six feet away from others, wash their hands frequently, and wear a mask in public—at all times. **He also asked that residents not visit family or friends who are sick or in respiratory isolation.**

"It's human nature to want to comfort those in distress, but those visits will only continue to spread this virus," he said. "Please call, text, facetime or send a card, but do not visit in person."

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.

As of Monday, May 4, screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms will be provided in Clinic Suite C, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street. Residents should call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, to alert staff and then stay in their vehicle until notified to enter. The screening clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

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

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.

Humboldt County has joined the COVID-19 Hotline, which is available to direct residents with COVID-19 symptoms, and to answer questions. Local residents may call (775) 777-2507 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Se habla español.

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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