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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 67

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 67.

Sixty-four of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while three were 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 67 – A woman in her 40s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 66 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 65 previously reported cases, 12 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 48 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 51 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, noted that yesterday was a landmark day in Humboldt County as previously imposed restrictions were lifted and some businesses were allowed to reopen.

“What is far more important—although perhaps less apparent—is this also marks the first time that more is being expected of each of us,” said Dr. Stringham, “because with this increase in freedom comes an even larger increase in responsibility.”

Dr. Stringham said as the community begins the slow and methodical process of reopening, “I am hoping that each of you will keep my heartfelt message in the forefront of your mind. As the State of Nevada dismantles the stay at home and business closure orders, understand that the actions you choose will become even more critical.”

The doctor reminded residents that social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing have become very important starting now.

“With an increase in freedom comes an increase in responsibility but also an increase in the consequences of choosing not to do the right things,” he said. “When the temporary safety net comes down, taking unnecessary chances will be more likely to result in devastating outcomes. So choose to do the right things!”

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 visiting sick people or those who are self-isolating.
- 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.

Screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms is now provided at Humboldt General Hospital’s Suite C Clinic, 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 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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