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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 71**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 71.

In all, 478 people have been tested and 29 results are pending.

Sixty-six of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while five 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 71 – A man in his 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 70 – A man in his 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 69 previously reported cases, 13 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 51 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 54 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, reminded Humboldt County residents of the drive-thru community-based COVID-19 testing starting Thursday, May 14, at the Winnemucca Event Center.

The screening POD is specifically designated for people who are essential workers, including healthcare workers, first responders, public works, and convenience/grocery store employees; persons who are in a high-risk category; employees and residents of congregate settings; persons who have traveled to an area that is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19; and members of the general public of all ages.

“The information we get from this community screening will be invaluable,” said Dr. Stringham. “This will help us identify where we can strengthen our efforts to better fight this virus and get us back to a more normal state.”

Dr. Stringham asked that at least one member from each household participate. “This will be our first chance to test asymptomatic people on a large scale,” he said, “so we are hoping for a very good turnout.”

Dr. Stringham reminded that residents with COVID-19 symptoms should visit Humboldt General Hospital’s screening clinic. The clinic is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Suite C, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street.

For full details on the drive-thru community-based COVID-19 screening, please visit [here](#).

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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

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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