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WALK-IN COVID-19 COMMUNITY SCREENING THURSDAY FOR NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev—This Thursday, Humboldt County residents in all areas outside of Winnemucca are invited to a community-based COVID-19 screening.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 21, the free testing will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the Orovada Community Center.

Residents of all ages from Orovada, McDermitt, Paradise Valley, Denio, Kings River, and other non-Winnemucca areas of Humboldt County are invited to be screened.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division, announced the one-day POD in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Emergency Management.

According to Humboldt County Emergency Manager Captain Sean Wilkin, the POD will not involve antibody or rapid test kit testing; it is state lab-based COVID-19 testing. There is no cost to participants and residents will be notified of positive or negative results after 72 hours.

Between Thursday, May 14, and Monday, May 18, community residents in Winnemucca were screened for COVID-19 as part of a drive-thru POD at the Winnemucca Event Center.

"This second community screening is a combined effort between federal, state and county resources to continue identifying COVID-19 in Humboldt County for data purposes that will help us more effectively fight this virus," said Captain Wilkin.

Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman said a further goal of the POD is to identify weak spots within the community and fill the gaps.

"What are we missing?" she asked. "What part of the picture are we not seeing? Those are the kinds of things that we will be looking for when we see our overall results."

Residents are reminded to arrive with a face covering and to socially distance at all times. Each participant should bring his or her own pen; identification is not required.

Residents will be notified of positive or negative results after 72 hours; they should not attempt to call for results.

The screening POD is made possible through the joint efforts of the Humboldt County Health Board, Humboldt County Emergency Management, State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health/Community Health Nursing, the US National Guard, Humboldt County Commission, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Winnemucca Police Department and the Humboldt County Health Officer.

People with COVID-19 symptoms should not come to the walk-in community screening but should be screened at Humboldt General Hospital's screening clinic, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For questions regarding the free Walk-In COVID-19 Community Screening, please call the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse at (775) 623-6575 or message @humboldtcounzynv on Facebook.

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