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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS ONE MORE CASE BRINGING TOTAL TO 78**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 78.

Seventy-two of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through the community-based screening, and five were 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 78 – A man in his 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 77 previously reported cases, 13 have recovered, 59 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and four have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 60 active cases.

At the Thursday, May 21, meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Health, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, shared the good news that the number of cases of COVID-19 in Humboldt County continues to drop.

The total number of positive case over the past week is seven; in comparison, the total added from the two previous weeks were 13 and 18, respectively. "Our numbers have gone down significantly, from averaging three a day, to two a day, to now one a day," said Dr. Stringham.

What's more, the doctor said Humboldt General Hospital has not had a COVID-19 hospitalization for more than two weeks, and there are no Humboldt County persons who are currently hospitalized in Reno with the virus.

"I want to remind people that this good news has happened as a result of people doing the right things, of maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet, of wearing a mask, of washing their hands," said Dr. Stringham. "There is a clear link between these decreasing numbers and the actions of our community's residents."

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).

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](http://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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