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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS NEWEST COVID-19 CASE, BRINGING TOTAL TO 80

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 80.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has tested 1,001 people; 13 results are pending.

Seventy-four of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through 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 80 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He has been hospitalized.

Of the 79 previously reported cases, 72 have recovered, three are self-isolating at home, and four have passed away. Humboldt County currently has four active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the latest case remains under investigation meaning there is no clear indication as to how the gentleman was infected.

"This virus continues to spread in the county," said Dr. Stringham. "We have seen a marked downward trend with our local cases, but that doesn't mean we can be complacent."

"I know people want to get back to normal, but we don't get to decide when that will be; the virus will decide, so we need to continue to be careful."

Since June 5, Nevada and surrounding states have seen an uptick in new cases and hospitalizations. Dr. Stringham said it's still not clear whether Nevada is seeing a trend or simply a spike.

"There are many unknowns with this virus," he said, "but we do know one thing: there is a clear link between our practices and our protection; in other words, we know exactly what we need to do to stay safe, so we ask for continued vigilance. Please, do the right things!"

To help fight 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, and 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](#).

Screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms is 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 wait for assistance. The screening clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 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 the hospital's [website](#).

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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