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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS TWO COVID-19 CASES, REMOVES ONE CASE, RAISING TOTAL TO 86

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 86.

Friday, July 3, the State of Nevada removed one of Humboldt County's cases due to residency outside the county, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 84; the new confirmations bring the county's total to 86.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,117 tests; 25 results are pending.

Seventy-eight of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and seven 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 86 – A man in his 60s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 85 – A woman in her 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 84 cases, 76 have recovered, four are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County now has six active cases.

A COVID-19 tracking website built by the co-founders of Instagram shows that Nevada currently has one of the highest rates of coronavirus transmission in the country.

The [rt.live website](#) calculates that each case of COVID-19 in Nevada is resulting in 1.26 new infections. Average numbers above 1.0 show COVID-19 is spreading quickly; numbers below 1.0 indicate infections are slowing.

The finding comes as the state has been reporting record numbers of newly diagnosed cases. Nevada

has reported its five largest single-day increases for COVID-19 in the past two weeks.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said Nevada's high rate of transmission makes it even more critical for Humboldt County residents to do the right things by wearing facial coverings, maintaining an appropriate social distance and practicing proper hand hygiene.

"These are the things that slow the transmission of this virus," he said. "I ask you to make them a part of your everyday lives so we can protect our residents and our communities from the far-reaching effects of COVID-19."

Dr. Stringham also reinforced the need for residents to be tested as soon as they begin to develop COVID-like symptoms, or if they have been exposed to someone with the virus.

Screening for COVID-19 is provided at Humboldt General Hospital's Suite C Clinic, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street in Winnemucca. 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](#).

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](#).

Free cloth masks are available to community members at the Olsen's and Ridley's pharmacies, courtesy of the Mucca Mask Makers, or by messaging the group on Facebook @Mucca Mask Makers.

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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