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HUMBOLDT COUNTY NOW AT 96 TOTAL COVID-19 CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 96.

Eighty-five of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and 10 were confirmed out of area.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,550 tests; 90 results are pending.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 43 tests; three results are pending. Any positives through the Community Health Nurse will be reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

Since Humboldt County's last case on July 25, the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has been notified of 20 more cases that were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, raising the tribe's total to 45. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 305 tests.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County case are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information of Humboldt County's latest case follows:

- Case 96 – A man in his 30s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 95 cases, 85 have recovered, six are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has seven active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, acknowledged that local residents may be feeling uncertain about the future during this time of COVID-19.

"It seems COVID-19 has overtaken our landscape, our vision, our thoughts, and most of what we discuss," he said.

He acknowledged that parents of school-age children may be particularly anxious regarding what the school year may hold as it opens September 8 under a hybrid on-site and distance learning model.

However, the doctor said even in the midst of uncertainty, there are many certainties that local residents can count on.

“We know how to prevent this virus,” he said. “That is certain.”

Dr. Stringham said the three most important things local residents can do is maintain an acceptable social distance between themselves and non-household members, both inside and outside; wear a mask at all times when in public; and maintain excellent hand hygiene.

“While I can’t say when we will be free from this virus or when we can return to whatever normal might look like, I do know that as long as we seriously incorporate these three preventative measures, we can keep ourselves, our families and our community safe.”

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County:

- 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.
- Self-isolate if they have had a known exposure, or if they are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- 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](#).

The Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic continues to test both symptomatic and asymptomatic residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic 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 Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse also is offering testing to asymptomatic persons with no known exposure. For more information or to make an appointment, residents may call the clinic at (775) 623-6575.

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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