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HUMBOLDT COUNTY NOW AT 102 TOTAL COVID-19 CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 102.

Ninety-one 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 addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 46 tests; 44 tests have been negative and two 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 August 5, the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has been notified of one more case, raising the tribe's total to 67. Fifty-nine of those cases were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 345 tests, 15 people have recovered, and the tribe has 52 active cases.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County cases 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 cases follows:

- Case 102 – A woman in her 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 101 – A man in his 70s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 100 – A female child under 10, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 99 cases, 85 have recovered, 10 are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has 13 active cases.

Today, Humboldt was one of eight counties flagged for having elevated disease transmission risk. The county was targeted for its low testing and high case and positivity rates—criteria that were unveiled Monday as part of part of Governor Steve Sisolak’s “Road to Recovery: Moving to a New Normal” plan.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the county made this week’s list due to rising numbers on the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation.

The state is reviewing Humboldt County’s situation and data, but Dr. Stringham said the larger message is that each person, each community—even nations within counties—affect one another.

“Deciding not to wear a mask or not to socially distance might feel like a personal decision, but it’s not,” he said. “That decision affects those around you.”

He continued, “Humboldt County’s actions affect Fort McDermitt and Fort McDermitt’s actions affect Humboldt County. We all need to realize that regardless of nation or race or language or boundaries, we must work together to eradicate this virus from our communities.”

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.

“If we work together to do these right things, we will begin to see the power that can come as we fight this together.”

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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