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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 181 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 31 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 181.

Overall, 144 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, nine were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, 10 were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy, and 17 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 60 tests, with 58 negative and two results pending. Any positives through the Community Health Nurse are reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 108 total cases; 91 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, eight were tested out of area, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 1,307 tests, 103 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has four 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 181 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 180 – A man in his 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 179 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 178 cases, 146 have recovered, 24 are self-isolating, four are hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 31 active cases.

Nevada surpassed 100,000 COVID-19 cases on Saturday. The Silver State commemorated Nevada Day with 100,763 confirmed coronavirus cases since the pandemic began; of those, nearly 1,800 have died from the virus, including four in Humboldt County.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the grim milestones serve as a reminder that now is not the time for Humboldt County residents to let their guards down.

“I am asking county residents not to get complacent or to give into COVID fatigue,” he said. “Instead, I am asking residents to help us get back to normal as quickly as possible by wearing a facial covering, practicing social distancing, and washing hands frequently.”

Dr. Stringham said it’s also imperative for residents to use the same precautionary measures at gatherings with non-household members, and to remain cautious about travel.

Dr. Stringham said travel played a role in many of October’s 48 Humboldt County cases. “Local residents either went to visit family or family came here and the result was positive cases of COVID-19,” he said.

Dr. Stringham said in order to provide optimum protection, local residents must collectively make the decision to take the virus seriously and to practice mitigation measures—both at home and in public places.

“This is a time to unite and to decide together that we want to move past this virus and welcome a new chapter in our lives,” said Dr. Stringham, “but it’s going to take a commitment from all of us. I am asking each resident to make that commitment and to do the right things.”

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

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a facial covering 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 has moved to the HGH West Campus, located at 51 E. Haskell Street. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the clinic offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Those who are experiencing severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department.

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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