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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 225 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 43 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 10 more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 225.

Overall, 173 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, 13 were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, 19 were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy, and 19 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 65 tests. 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 123 positive cases; 107 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, eight were tested out of area, and eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 1,516 tests, 112 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 10 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 225 – A man in his 60s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 224 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 223 – A woman in her 80s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 222 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 221 – A man in his 80s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

- Case 220 – A woman in her 60s whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 219 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 218 – A female child, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 217 – A woman in her 60s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 216 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 215 cases, 178 have recovered, 33 are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has 43 active cases.

Friday, November 13, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced he has tested positive for COVID-19.

While the governor is not currently experiencing symptoms, his positive test is a grim reminder of how quickly the virus is spreading throughout the state.

There were more than 1,800 new cases identified in Nevada on Thursday and cases are growing at a rate of 1.3% or, 1,402 new cases per day. Humboldt County is also seeing its highest rates yet. During the entire month of October, Humboldt saw 49 persons confirmed with the virus—the county’s then-all time high; as of November 14, Humboldt County has already seen 47 cases.

Earlier this week, the governor urged Nevadans to voluntarily take more precautionary measures to stop the spread of the disease. He re-emphasized that plea at the news of his own diagnosis.

“With my case, I want to underscore the importance of Nevadans to stay at home as much as they possibly can at this time,” the governor said in a written statement.

Friday, Governor Sisolak warned that the state is seeing “alarming” trends of the virus climbing and threatened to impose stricter measures in two weeks if the spread of the virus does not decrease. He urged residents only to go out for essential activities, to rely on take-out instead of dining in restaurants and to avoid spending time indoors with people from outside their households.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, echoed the governor’s plea, asking local residents to take a step back over the coming weeks to allow infection rates to calm.

“We knew the fall and winter would be a very dangerous time for our community, for our state and our nation,” he said, “but that doesn’t mean we have to let the virus run amuck. Our positive choices can slow the spread—which will help decrease hospitalizations and save lives.”

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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