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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 409 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 130 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 23 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 409.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 143 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,238 tests, 130 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 12 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 #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
409	Female	Teen	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
408	Man	30s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
407	Woman	50s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
406	Woman	40s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
405	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
404	Woman	50s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
403	Woman	60s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
402	Woman	20s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
401	Woman	60s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
400	Woman	60s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
399	Man	50s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
398	Man	40s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
397	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
396	Man	30s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
395	Woman	40s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
394	Woman	20s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
393	Man	70s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
392	Man	40s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
391	Woman	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
390	Man	60s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
389	Man	50s	Unknown exposure	Self-isolating
388	Woman	30s	Exposed to positive case	Self-isolating
387	Man	20s	Under investigation	Self-isolating

Of the previous 386 cases, 273 have recovered, 101 are self-isolating, six are hospitalized, and six have died; Humboldt County has 130 active cases.

Nevada could have its first allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine as early as mid-December, according to Governor Steve Sisolak.

During a news conference Wednesday, the governor said the vaccine will not initially be widely available to all Nevadans; still, the information came as welcome news—especially as the state faces its worst surge of COVID-19 yet.

The first tier of the state’s vaccination plan prioritizes health care workers, law enforcement and higher-risk populations. Large-scale vaccination will follow in the spring.

Nevada is part of the COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, which is independently reviewing the safety and efficacy of any FDA-approved vaccine. California, Oregon and Washington are also part of the group.

Governor Sisolak said the goal of the workgroup is to give Nevadans “an additional layer of confidence” in a vaccine. The state does not get to choose between the vaccines developed by companies Pfizer and Moderna, which require different storage techniques.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he is grateful the vaccination process is preparing to begin. Until then, he urged local residents to continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash hands frequently.

“That’s what will get us through the coming months,” he said, “until the time when everyone can confidently rely on a vaccine.”

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](#).

COVID-19 testing locations in Humboldt County include:

- **Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic** - Offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch), and by-appointment screening with a provider for symptomatic persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch; call 775-623-5222, ext. 1379 to schedule an appointment). Located at 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital.
- **Golden Valley Medical Center** - Private clinic owned by Nevada Gold offers screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Call (775) 625-4653 for an appointment.
- **Ridley's Pharmacy** - Offers in-vehicle, self-administered asymptomatic and symptomatic testing. Go [here](#) and follow the prompts to schedule an appointment.
- **HGH Emergency Department** - Those who experience severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department, which is open 24 hours a day, or call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

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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