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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 573 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 294 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 19 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 573.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 149 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,350 tests, 140 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has eight 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
573	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
572	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
571	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
570	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
569	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
568	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
567	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
566	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
565	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
564	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
563	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
562	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
561	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
560	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
559	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
558	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
557	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
556	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
555	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 554 cases, 273 have recovered, 269 are self-isolating, six are hospitalized locally, and six have died; Humboldt County has 294 active cases.

From March through October, Humboldt County reported a total of 178 cases. In November, Humboldt County nearly surpassed the total of all previous months combined with 176 cases.

In December, it took just over a week to pass November’s record; as of December 9, Humboldt County has already confirmed 219 new cases of the virus.

Humboldt County has the second highest case rate per capita in the state at 2,960 per 100,000; Humboldt County also ranks second highest in the state in terms of test positivity at 39.6 percent.

“What we have seen is the ‘tipping point’ in the coronavirus pandemic,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, “and now we are experiencing exponential spread.”

Dr. Stringham said public health experts have warned for months that COVID was likely to spike in the fall and winter, as the colder weather forced more people indoors, where transmission of the virus can occur more easily.

Even with soaring numbers, however, Dr. Stringham said there is still plenty of opportunity to avoid potential closures at the hospital, local businesses and area schools.

“The one place we’ve seen good success is with our businesses,” said Dr. Stringham. “People wear masks in businesses and they socially distance in businesses and the results are very positive: we have not had any indication of spread to customers.”

Dr. Stringham said if local residents employ the same tactics in other parts of their lives—in their workplaces, educational settings, friend interactions and more—they can help break the virus’s hold.

“I know people are exhausted. It’s been very hard on families and on individuals, and on businesses especially, but if we transfer our same tactics from our business lives to our personal lives, I know we can see success.”

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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