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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 724 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 249 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 18 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 724.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 168 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,469 tests, 155 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
724	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
723	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
722	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
721	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
720	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
719	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
718	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
717	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
716	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
715	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
714	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
713	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
712	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
711	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
710	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
709	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
708	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
707	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 706 cases, 467 have recovered, 224 are self-isolating, seven are hospitalized locally, and eight have died; Humboldt County has 249 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, was first in line Wednesday morning to get the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine was one of 220 that are slated for hospital staff, affiliates and first responders.

“HGH did a great job administering the vaccination!” said Dr. Stringham following the administration. “The vaccination clinic was well organized and efficient! Everyone was very nice. And the best part is that I feel great—no side effects at all.”

Dr. Stringham added, “I highly recommend that everyone have the vaccination as soon as they are able.”

Overall, Nevada received 25,350 doses of Pfizer vaccine in this first week’s allocation. Of that allocation, 7,800 doses will be distributed to pharmacy partners for long term care facilities, like Harmony Manor and Quail Corner, and 17,550 have been distributed to counties for local hospitals. In all, the state will receive 91,650 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of December.

“I am very excited by this first shipment of vaccine; we know that relief is on its way,” said Dr. Stringham. “While this initial allocation will serve our Tier 1 frontline healthcare workers, it is the first of many, and by spring, we will begin to see large-scale vaccination.”

In the meantime, Dr. Stringham urged local residents to continue to follow proven public health measures by wearing a mask, distancing socially, washing hands frequently and avoiding any kind of gathering with people not of the same household.

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. Monday through Friday (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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