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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 22

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 22.

Twenty-one of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while one was confirmed out of area.

Based on available information, close contacts of the two newest cases are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information follows:

- Case 22 – A woman in her 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 21 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he has been disappointed at what appears to be community members' complacency toward the virus and its spread.

"I see people who are not maintaining appropriate social distances, who are not wearing masks in public, and who do not seem to be practicing other preventative measures," said Dr. Stringham.

"The problem with that behavior is they believe they only affect themselves, but they may be carriers of the virus," said Dr. Stringham. "Their behavior could very well cause another person to become infected with very harmful results."

Dr. Stringham issued a call to all community members, including employees of essential businesses, to maintain an appropriate social distance of at least 6 feet, as well as to wear masks at all times when in public and when interacting with members of the public.

Dr. Stringham reiterated:

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a mask 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 touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- 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 at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

Local residents who have mild fever, cough, or other respiratory symptoms should go to Humboldt General Hospital's West Campus screening clinic, located at 51 E. Haskell Street; the clinic is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Senior residents should call the clinic first at (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, so staff may direct their arrival.

Anyone who is experiencing severe respiratory distress should proceed immediately to the HGH Emergency Department. For complete guidance, please visit [www.hghospital.org](http://www.hghospital.org).

Local COVID-19 information is available in Spanish @CovidEspanol. Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information are available in English at @StopHumboldtCoronavirus and @HumboldtCountyNV.

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