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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS THREE NEW COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 74

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 74.

Sixty-eight of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through the community-based screening, and five were confirmed out of area.

Based on available information, close contacts of the 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 74 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 73 – A woman in her 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 72 – A woman in her 40s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 71 previously reported cases, 13 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 53 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 57 active cases.

Monday is the last day for residents to participate in the drive-thru community-based COVID-19 testing at the Winnemucca Event Center. Screeners will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Approximately 550 people have been screened so far.

The screening POD is designated for members of the general public of all ages; essential workers, including healthcare workers, first responders, public works, and convenience/grocery store employees; persons who are in a high-risk category; employees and residents of congregate settings; and persons who have traveled to an area that is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham reminded residents that the data derived from the POD is critical to helping the county make its case for moving to Phase Two of Governor Steve Sisolak's "[Roadmap to Recovery](#)."

"We are specifically looking for people with no symptoms to take part in the screening," said Dr. Stringham. "This will help us identify where we can strengthen our efforts to better fight this virus and get us back to a more normal state."

Dr. Stringham countered some of the misconceptions regarding the testing:

- There are plenty of testing supplies for every person who is willing to participate.
- The tests are not a waste of taxpayer money; the testing results will help validate Humboldt County's readiness to continue to reopen, generating necessary tax revenue.
- Participants do not need to provide identification, only contact information for results.
- Sick people are not getting tested at the community screening. Each participant is screened at the entrance for fever and symptoms. Those who are ill are sent to the HGH screening clinic, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For full details on the drive-thru community-based COVID-19 screening, please visit [here](#).

To join the fight against COVID-19, please:

- 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 visiting sick people or those who are self-isolating.
- 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.

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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