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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS FOURTH COVID-19 DEATH AND TWO MORE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its fourth death from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “I am very saddened to share that a fourth member of our community has died from coronavirus.”

The woman, who was in her 50s, was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases; she was hospitalized at the time of her death.

“This is such a tragedy for our community,” said Dr. Stringham, “not only to lose another person, but to know she contracted the virus in Humboldt County. I ask that every person reading this message commit to doing all the right things to stop this virus. Please take the steps needed to protect our community!”

Additionally, Dr. Stringham confirmed two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county’s total to 76.

Seventy 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 76 – A man in his 20s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 75 – A man in his 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 74 previously reported cases, 13 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 55 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and four have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 58 active cases.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Humboldt County residents in all areas outside of Winnemucca, including Orovada, McDermitt, Paradise Valley, Denio and Kings River, are invited to a community-based COVID-19 screening at the Orovada Community Center.

Dr. 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."

People with COVID-19 symptoms should not go to the Orovada community screening but should be screened at Humboldt General Hospital's screening clinic, which is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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