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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS ONE CASE, REMOVES ONE CASE, BRINGING TOTAL TO 78

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 78.

Monday, June 1, the State of Nevada removed one of Humboldt County's cases due to residency outside the county, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 77; the new confirmation brings the county's total back to 78.

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

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest case 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 78 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He has been hospitalized.

Of the 77 previously reported cases, 19 have recovered, 54 are self-isolating at home, and four have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 55 active cases.

It has been 10 days since Humboldt County was notified of its last new case. Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the news of an increase can be disappointing, but it should not be surprising.

"It's natural to want to believe that no new numbers for a few days may mean the virus is gone," he said, "but we know the virus is still active across our state and our nation."

Dr. Stringham said while the number of new cases has decreased significantly over the past weeks, community members must remain vigilant. "Our best strategy is still avoidance until a vaccine is available," he said.

Dr. Stringham said he and his teams have noticed a marked decrease in mask-wearing and social distancing among local residents, which he said will naturally lead to an uptick in cases.

“I want to remind people that good news happens as a result of people doing the right things, of maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet, of wearing a mask, of washing their hands,” said Dr. Stringham. “There is a clear link between decreasing numbers and the actions of our community’s residents. Unfortunately, the opposite is also true.”

To help fight 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, and 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](#).

Screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms is provided at Humboldt General Hospital’s Suite C Clinic, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street. Residents should call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, to alert staff and then wait for assistance. The screening clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Anyone who is experiencing severe respiratory distress should proceed immediately to the HGH Emergency Department. For complete guidance, please visit the hospital’s [website](#).

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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