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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS NEWEST COVID-19 CASE, BRINGING TOTAL TO 79

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 79.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has tested 975 people; 20 results are pending.

Seventy-three 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 79 – A man in his 30s, who was exposed while out of state. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 78 previously reported cases, 72 have recovered, two are self-isolating at home, and four have passed away. Humboldt County currently has three active cases.

It has been 15 days since Humboldt County was notified of its last new case. Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he is pleased with Humboldt County's progress.

"People have been doing the right things," he said. "We are seeing a lot of masks, a lot of social distancing and good attention to hand washing."

Still, the rest of Nevada is seeing an uptick in cases; last Tuesday was Nevada's highest one-day case total yet.

"We need to continue to be careful," said Dr. Stringham. "We don't know everything about this virus, but we do know one of its primary characteristics is that it spreads. If we are seeing increased numbers across the state, that means that with more people moving around and traveling, we could see increased numbers here."

He added, "There is a clear link between our practices and our protection," he said. "We know that for

sure, so please be safe and do the right things.”

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 Friday, 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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