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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS NEWEST COVID-19 CASE, RAISING TOTAL TO 82

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 82.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has tested 1,045 people; 30 results are pending.

Seventy-five of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and six 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 82 – A man in his 30s, who had close contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 81 cases, 72 have recovered, five are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County now has six active cases.

This weekend, the Silver State International Rodeo arrives in Winnemucca.

From Sunday, June 28, through Sunday, July 5, the SSIR will draw 550 registered high school rodeo athletes and their families to the Winnemucca Events Complex for the week-long event; in all, more than 1,000 visitors are expected.

“As you know, this is a unique time for Humboldt County,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD. “The number of local cases has steadily declined for us over the past month, but with incoming visitors—especially from places where COVID-19 counts are climbing—we need to be very cautious as a community.”

Dr. Stringham reiterated that businesses need to be vigilant about requiring masks and social distancing; residents also need to follow best practices to keep themselves and their families safe.

“We need to focus on those strategies that will help us mitigate the risk from outsiders,” said the doctor.

He added, “There was a time when Humboldt County led the state in per capita confirmations, but that is no longer the case. At this point, visitors are more likely to give us the virus than vice versa, so we need to be very defensive in the way we protect ourselves and our community.”

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 COVID-19 is provided at Humboldt General Hospital’s Suite C Clinic, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street in Winnemucca. 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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