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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS NEWEST COVID-19 CASES, RAISING TOTAL TO 85

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 85.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,090 tests; 59 tests are pending.

Seventy-eight 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 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 85 – A woman in her 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 84 – A man in his 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 83 cases, 72 have recovered, seven are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County now has nine active cases.

As the second half of 2020 begins, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said it's a good time for residents to reflect on Humboldt County's progress over the past six months—and on what's to come.

"As a community, we have weathered a very tough fight with the coronavirus," he said. "We have lost four members of our community, nearly 100 others have been sickened by this virus, and that doesn't even take into account the economic, social, emotional, educational and other tolls on our entire community."

However, the doctor said it's not difficult to look at surrounding communities and see the fight isn't over yet.

“Across the state, cases continue to climb,” said Dr. Stringham. “Elko has confirmed more than 100 new cases in less than a month; Reno is seeing its highest daily numbers yet; and even neighboring communities like Battle Mountain and Lovelock are being affected.”

The doctor said with a virus that spreads, it’s even more critical for Humboldt County residents to do the right things by wearing facial coverings, maintaining an appropriate social distance and practicing proper hand hygiene.

“These are the things that slow the transmission of this virus,” he said. “I ask you to make them a part of your everyday lives so we can protect our residents and our communities from the far-reaching effects of COVID-19.”

“If we do, I promise that we will eventually be able to look back at our success at completely eradicating this virus.”

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](#).

Free cloth masks are available to community members at the Olsen’s and Ridley’s pharmacies, courtesy of the Mucca Mask Makers, or by messaging the group on Facebook @Mucca Mask Makers.

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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