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## ONE NEW COVID-19 CASE RAISES HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL TO 91

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The State of Nevada removed Humboldt County's original case 91 this past week; the new case brings the county's total confirmed cases back to 91. In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,327 tests; 50 results are pending.

Eighty-one of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and nine 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 91 – A male in his teens, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 90 cases, 81 have recovered, five are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has six active cases.

This has been a difficult week for Nevada—even though Humboldt County numbers continue to hold steady.

Nevada as a whole is one of 18 states that have been designated as "red zones," indicating more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population last week, as well as a test positivity rate above 10%.

Additionally, Reno, Elko, Pahrump, Carson City, Fernley and Fallon were all designated "yellow zones" for reporting new cases between 10-100 per 100,000 population, and a diagnostic positivity result between 5% and 10%.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, "Our state numbers began to spike following the Fourth of July weekend. It doesn't take much to know that gatherings of any kind lead to

increased COVID-19 cases.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “As the summer continues with the potential for more gatherings, please remember that social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing are the three most important things you can do to restrain the virus.”

He added, “We have the power to prevent this virus from spreading in Humboldt County; if we give up that power, however, we may see our county begin to follow the rest of the state.”

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.

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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