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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS ONE NEW CONFIRMATION, 96 TOTAL RECOVERED**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 105.

Ninety-three of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and 11 were confirmed out of area. In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,755 tests and 44 results are pending.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 56 tests, with 48 negative and eight results pending. Any positives through the Community Health Nurse will be reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has 77 total cases; 69 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 370 tests, 36 people have recovered, one person has died and the tribe has 40 active cases.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County case are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information of Humboldt County's latest cases follows:

- Case 105 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 104 cases, 96 have recovered, four are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has five active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said Humboldt County has been notified of nine cases since the beginning of August. While new cases are never good news, Dr. Stringham said he is happy to report the Humboldt County Fast Team continues to provide contact tracing services.

“Our number one defense strategy as a county against COVID-19 is to prevent new infections,” said Dr. Stringham, “and the Fast Team is absolutely crucial to that effort.”

Dr. Stringham said because the medical infrastructure of rural communities is relatively small, the potential to be overwhelmed by a large and sudden increase in high acuity patients is a constant and substantial threat.

“During the first weeks of Humboldt County’s campaign against COVID-19, we frequently found that by the time we learned of positive test results, those patients had already infected many other people.”

Dr. Stringham said he quickly came to realize the importance of streamlining the entire process of receiving data and getting the right people into isolation.

“Now the Fast Team has proven to be one of our community’s best weapons in the war on COVID-19,” said Dr. Stringham, “and our community can remain assured that Fast Team members are on the job 24/7 to mitigate any threat to our public health.”

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County:

- 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.
- Self-isolate if they have had a known exposure, or if they are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- 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](#).

The Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic continues to test symptomatic and exposed residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic 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 Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse also is offering testing to asymptomatic persons with no known exposure. For more information or to make an appointment, residents may call the clinic at (775) 623-6575.

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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