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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS ONE NEW CONFIRMATION, INCREASES TO 106 TOTAL CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 106.

Ninety-four 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 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 82 total cases; 74 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 579 tests, 36 people have recovered, one person has died and the tribe has 45 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 106 – A female in her teens, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 105 cases, 96 have recovered, five are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has six active cases.

Today, the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force, which was created by Governor Steve Sisolak's Directive 030, reviewed assessment and action plans for Humboldt and five other counties flagged last week for having a sustained elevated risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The Task Force worked with county leaders throughout the weekend and this week to thoroughly examine each county's data; today, the Task Force agreed to receive updates from Humboldt County

regarding enforcement, public communication and outreach, and ongoing collaboration plans for mitigation efforts.

“We continue to work with the state to help mitigate and manage the virus,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, “and the preventative measures we put in place in March will continue to underpin our efforts.”

Dr. Stringham said the county will continue to ask residents to wear masks, distance socially and wash their hands.

“We know these important measures are the real strategy behind overcoming this virus,” he said, “and we invite our communities throughout Humboldt County to join together to help in this fight.”

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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