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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS ONE NEW CONFIRMATION, FOUR ACTIVE 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 107.

Ninety-five 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. HGH has completed 1,790 tests; 62 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 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 case follows:

- Case 107 – A male in his 20s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 106 cases, 99 have recovered, three are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has four active cases.

Last week, Governor Steve Sisolak announced that Nevada's death toll now tops 1,000 people; yesterday, Clark County announced its death toll was also now at 1,000.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the virus's effect on so many families has been devastating; in Humboldt County alone, five people have died.

“It’s sometimes easy for us to look at the latest report of cases or the notification of another death and just think in terms of numbers,” said Dr. Stringham, “but each number represents a beloved mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, sister, brother, friend or neighbor.”

“If nothing else,” continued the doctor, “our humanity and our compassion will hopefully motivate us to prevent any more Nevada residents from falling victim to this virus.”

Dr. Stringham reminded residents that the three most important things they can do to prevent further illness and loss is wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and wash their hands well and frequently.

“If we take these responsibilities seriously, the virus will slow and eventually stop, and we will be able to help protect those around us.”

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

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a facial covering 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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