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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS ONE CONFIRMATION, FIVE 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 116.

Overall, 103 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and 12 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 56 tests, with 56 negative and no 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 reports 84 total cases; 76 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 671 tests, 81 people have recovered, one person has died, two people are hospitalized, and the tribe has four 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 116 – A female in her teens, who is a known contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 115 cases, 107 have recovered, one is hospitalized, three are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has five active cases.

Today marked the official return to school for the Humboldt County School District's K-12 students. Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said district officials have spent months balancing the educational, social, emotional and especially safety needs of students and staff in the midst of the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

"This situation has not been easy for administrators," said the doctor, "and it has not been easy for

teachers, parents or students.”

Dr. Stringham said in the midst of such uncertainty and anxiety, school communities can rely on those things they know will reduce the risk of COVID-19, including wearing masks, distancing socially where possible, and washing hands frequently.

“Make it a daily routine for students to pack up a face mask and hand sanitizer in the morning, and wash hands as soon as they come home from school,” said Dr. Stringham.

The doctor also encouraged parents to help monitor their children each day for signs of COVID-19, including fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue, muscle aches, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Any student who shows signs of illness should stay at home.

“If we follow these steps, we can be assured that our children will be as safe as possible during this COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dr. Stringham. “This will also serve to protect family and household members who are at higher risk of becoming very ill.”

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 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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