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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 117 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, SIX 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 117.

Overall, 103 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, one was identified at the Golden Valley Medical Center, 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 117 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 116 cases, 107 have recovered, one is hospitalized, four are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has six active cases.

The number of daily cases in Nevada has been slowly declining over the last two weeks, but Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said Humboldt County residents cannot let up in their fight against the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"As a county, we still have active cases, we still have people hospitalized, and we continue to see a slow

growth of new cases each week,” he said.

Plus, the doctor said it’s difficult to predict what the fall and winter will bring as the annual flu virus and the coronavirus converge in the county.

“While I am not a fear monger, I also am not naïve about the risks we face,” said Dr. Stringham. “With more people moving inside and two potentially harmful viruses working against our residents, there is a need for us to continue to be very cautious.”

Dr. Stringham advised local residents to get a flu shot, wear a mask, maintain a proper social distance, be conscientious about hand washing, and if they are ill, limit contact with others as much as possible.

“This fall and winter season could absolutely overwhelm us,” said Dr. Stringham, “or we could see these viruses abate due to the social distancing and mask wearing measures that have been put in place.”

He added, “It really comes down to choosing to do the right things.”

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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