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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 149 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 20 ACTIVE CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 149.

Overall, 121 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, seven were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, eight were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy, and 12 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 58 tests, with 57 negative and one result pending. Any positives through the Community Health Nurse are reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 95 total cases; 78 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, eight were tested out of area, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 880 tests, 90 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has five active cases.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County cases 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 149 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 148 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 147 cases, 125 have recovered, 17 are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 20 active cases.

With the 2020 General Election drawing near, COVID-19 is becoming more and more politicized. That's according to Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, who is encouraging local residents

to get their COVID-19 information from non-politicized sources.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is not a political issue,” said Dr. Stringham, “it is a health issue—a major health issue that is affecting every corner of the globe, including Humboldt County.”

Dr. Stringham said the virus has no political affiliation or political motives: “Its only purpose is to find a host where it can thrive.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “Reliable medical and scientific sources advocate wearing masks, distancing socially and washing hands frequently—not because of political ideologies, but because these are the proven things that will deprive the virus of a host.”

Dr. Stringham said Humboldt County is experiencing a serious uptick in cases, which he finds very concerning.

“I am asking this county’s residents to do what’s right for our community. We have an opportunity to listen to sound medical advice, to consistently take the right preventive measures, and to come together as friends, co-workers and neighbors. I am asking us to unite in a concerted effort to put this virus down.”

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 has moved to the HGH West Campus, located at 51 E. Haskell Street. From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the clinic offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons with a doctor’s order only. Those who are experiencing severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department.

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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