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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 229 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 47 ACTIVE CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of four more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 229.

Overall, 177 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, 13 were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, 19 were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy, and 19 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 65 tests. 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 is reporting 123 positive cases; 107 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, eight were tested out of area, and eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 1,516 tests, 112 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 10 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 229 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 228 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 227 – A male teenager, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 226 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 225 cases, 178 have recovered, 43 are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has 47 active cases.

For the first time during the coronavirus pandemic, Nevada on Saturday reported more than 2,000 new coronavirus cases in the state.

It was the second day in a row that Nevada set a record for the number of cases reported in a single day. There were 2,269 cases reported Saturday, and 1,857 on Friday; Humboldt County also had its largest day Saturday with 10 additional confirmed cases.

The uptick in cases comes even as Governor Steve Sisolak is urging Nevadans to stay home for 14 days to curb the spread of the virus.

Governor Sisolak posted on Twitter Saturday: “We are at a critical juncture in our response to COVID-19 . . . I again want to underscore the importance for Nevadans to stay home when they can to help protect themselves and our communities.”

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the message of safety for local residents and state residents has not changed: “Wear a mask, distance socially, wash hands frequently and stay home to limit exposure.”

Dr. Stringham added, “Please do your part to protect yourself and those around you. As we enter this holiday season, that is certainly the greatest gift you can give.”

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 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the clinic offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. 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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