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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 278 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 76 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 11 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 278.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 137 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,112 tests, 123 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 13 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 278 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 277 – A female teen, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 276 – A man in his 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 275 – A female teen, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 274 – A woman in her 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- 273 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- 272 – A woman in her 40s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- 271 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- 270 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- 269 – A man in his 60s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- 268 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 267 cases, 198 have recovered, 60 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 76 active cases.

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak implemented a “statewide pause” Sunday afternoon in an effort to stem a recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

The governor said while the measures include updated mask requirements and capacity reductions, they do not amount to a shutdown.

The changes will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, and will be in place for three weeks.

According to the “pause,” private gatherings will now be limited to 10 and can include people from no more than two households. Public gatherings will be reduced from 250 people to 50 people, including for churches.

Capacity at restaurants and bars; gyms, fitness and dance studios; casinos; and arcades, art galleries, aquariums, racetracks, bowling alleys, mini golf, libraries, museums and zoos have also been reduced. Big box stores will now monitor capacity, and adult and youth sports tournaments are currently paused.

Masks are now required at any time residents are around anyone not of their immediate household, including during private gatherings inside and outside.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he is hopeful the new requirements will begin to bring down the number of positive cases in the community and the state—especially the number of persons hospitalized with the virus.

“We are nearing a very critical time for our community and our state,” he said. “With this evening’s positives, we have officially confirmed 100 new cases of COVID-19 in Humboldt County since November 1.”

Dr. Stringham added, “With this surge in cases, the stress on our medical infrastructure has been immense; I am pleading with our residents to not see this ‘pause’ as a negative thing, but as a way to help slow 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](#).

COVID-19 testing locations in Humboldt County include:

- **Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic** - Offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital. Call the posted number and then wait for assistance.
- **Golden Valley Medical Center** - Private clinic owned by Nevada Gold offers screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Call (775) 625-4653 for an appointment.
- **Ridley's Pharmacy** - Offers in-vehicle, self-administered asymptomatic and symptomatic testing. Go [here](#) and follow the prompts to schedule an appointment.
- **HGH Emergency Department** - Those who experience severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department, which is open 24 hours a day, or call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

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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