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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 311 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 109 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 15 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 311.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 140 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,173 tests, 126 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 311 – A woman in her 30s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 310 – A woman in her 30s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 309 – A man in his 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 308 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 307 – A man in his 20s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 306 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 305 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 304 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 303 – A man in his 70s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 302 – A man in his 20s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 301 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

- Case 300 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 299 – A female child, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 298 – A woman in her 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 297 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 296 cases, 198 have recovered, 91 are self-isolating, three are hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 109 active cases.

The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tuesday said the latest surge in coronavirus cases nationwide is mainly being driven by people without symptoms gathering indoors.

Dr. Robert Redfield said in an interview that the current driver of the epidemic is not the public square, but the asymptomatic infections of younger people ages 12 to 35.

Dr. Redford noted transmission patterns are now very different from those seen in the spring because transmission this time around is occurring as people take off their masks and gather in homes.

And the combined effect of those gatherings, according to Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, is beginning to tax the state's health care systems.

“This is why those simple precautionary measures are so important,” said Dr. Stringham, “like wearing masks and distancing socially, because we need to help our hospitals remain resilient—not just to serve people with COVID, but to serve people without COVID.”

Dr. Stringham added, “Many people will never show any symptoms, which makes these simple protective measures all that much more important.”

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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