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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS FIFTH COVID-19 DEATH

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its fifth death from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “I am saddened to have to share that a fifth member of our community died from coronavirus last evening.”

The man, who was in his 80s, was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases; he was hospitalized at the time of his death.

Dr. Stringham said, “I hope that as a community, we can feel the weight of this death, the sorrow of this family’s loss, and the role we all play in helping to stop this virus’s spread.”

He continued, “I ask that every single person in our community join with me in our aggressive fight against this virus. If you are not yet engaged in doing the right things, all of us desperately need your help.”

Dr. Stringham asked that residents stay at least 6 six feet away from those not of the same household, wear a mask around those not of the same household, and wash their hands frequently.

“Even if you are at home and someone not of your household is visiting, please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance,” said Dr. Stringham. “It may seem odd at first, but it’s the best gift you can give this season—to help keep others safe, and to help keep you and your family safe.”

Dr. Stringham said every step residents take—both as individuals and as a community—in the right direction will take them further away from the risks of COVID.

“These steps might be as simple as deciding against a dinner party or as complex as a vaccine,” he said, “but my hope is that everyone receives these messages and accepts the call to action so we do not have to watch helplessly as one more family feels the effects of this devastating illness.”

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 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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