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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 326 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 66 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 326.

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 326 – A man in his 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 325 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 324 – A male teen, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 323 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 322 – A woman in her 60s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 321 – A man in his 60s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 320 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 319 – A female teen, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 318 – A woman in her 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 317 – A man in his 80s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 316 – A male teen, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 315 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

- Case 314 – A man in his 20s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 313 – A woman in her 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 312 – A male teen, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 311 cases, 255 have recovered, 47 are self-isolating, four are hospitalized, and five have died; Humboldt County has 66 active cases.

As Humboldt County’s families gather for Thanksgiving, it’s easy to push gratitude aside in lieu of grim statistics: In the Silver State, COVID-19 is now spreading so fast that someone is diagnosed with an infection every minute and someone else is dying from the virus every two hours.

Not only that, but the state broke a new record in single-day cases Wednesday, reporting 3,159 infections. This marked the first time since the start of the pandemic that Nevada has seen more than 3,000 cases reported in 24 hours. Nevada’s hospital capacity across the state also hit a record number of 1,414 patients Wednesday.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the news certainly isn’t good.

“But we have a great deal to be grateful for over the past eight months,” he said.

Dr. Stringham noted that businesses have been able to re-open, students have been able to return to school, and most residents have experienced the virus in its mild to moderate forms.

“We grieve for those who have passed, and we also share our deep compassion for those who are feeling long-term effects following long and critical illnesses,” he said. “But medical science continues to progress and I believe we are more capable of treating this virus every day.”

Not only that, but the doctor said a vaccine is on the horizon. “In 2021, we will largely see this virus recede into the background.”

Until then, Dr. Stringham said he is most grateful for the small but simple ways that residents can protect themselves. “We know to wear masks, to socially distance, to practice good hand hygiene,” he said. “I personally am grateful that those very simple protections are readily known and available to every resident of Humboldt County.”

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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