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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS SIXTH COVID-19 DEATH

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

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “It is my deep regret to share that a sixth member of our community died from coronavirus Friday morning.”

The man, who was in his 70s, passed away at home on Friday, November 27. He was not one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases.

The decedent previously tested positive for influenza and was awaiting COVID-19 test results, which were confirmed to the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office following his death.

Dr. Stringham said, “We share our deepest condolences with this man’s family and friends. This was an unexpected tragedy for them and we hope they will feel comforted during this difficult time.”

Dr. Stringham said the decedent’s twin diagnosis of both COVID-19 and influenza can be very dangerous.

A [study](#) released earlier this fall shows that people infected with both SARS-CoV-2 and the flu are more than twice as likely to experience severe illness than with the new coronavirus alone

“Coinfection with COVID-19 and influenza produces extremely poor outcomes,” said Dr. Stringham, “but the thing we need to remember is that one of these diseases is currently vaccine preventable.”

Dr. Stringham said with COVID-19 surging across the country and in the community, it can be easy to overlook flu season, “but it’s very important to get vaccinated against the flu,” he said. “It’s one important tool we have, and we need to use it.”

Flu vaccinations are available from local healthcare providers and pharmacies. Dr. Stringham said it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that provide protection against influenza virus infection.

“Flu is now spreading in the community, so prompt vaccination this year is more important than ever,” he said.

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 persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch), and by-appointment screening with a provider for symptomatic persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch; call 775-623-5222, ext. 1379 to schedule an appointment). Located at 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital.
- **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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