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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 520 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 241 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Humboldt County has been notified of 21 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 520.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 144 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,290 tests, 137 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has six 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 #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
520	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
519	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
518	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
517	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
516	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
515	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
514	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
513	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
512	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
511	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
510	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
509	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
508	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
507	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
506	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
505	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
504	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
503	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Hospitalized

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
502	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
501	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
500	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 499 cases, 273 have recovered, 215 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and six have died; Humboldt County has 241 active cases.

Nearly every county in Nevada is being hit hard by COVID-19. Sixteen of the state’s 17 counties, including Humboldt, meet the state’s criteria to be flagged for elevated spread of COVID-19; the only exception is Storey County.

Counties are considered at risk for elevated spread of COVID-19 if they meet two of the following three metrics:

- The average number of tests per day per 100,000, calculated over a 14-day period. If this number is less than 100, a county could be considered at risk.
- The case rate per 100,000, calculated by taking the number of cases diagnosed and reported over a 30-day period. If this number is greater than 200, a county could be considered at risk.
- The case rate per 100,000 and the test positivity rate, calculated over a 14-day period with a seven-day lag. If the case rate is greater than 50 and the test positivity rate is greater than 8.0 percent, a county could be considered at risk.

Humboldt County has the second highest case rate per capita in the state at 2,913 per 100,000, after Mineral County at 2,960.

Humboldt County also has the second highest test positivity rate at 38.5 percent, after Lincoln at 63.6 percent.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said local residents need to take note of the county’s current status.

“When we view Humboldt’s numbers in context with the rest of the state, I hope we can see how serious this situation is,” he said. “We are among the state’s leaders in every negative way possible.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “If we want our hospital to remain resilient, if we want local businesses to remain open, if we want our schools and churches to remain open, then our behavior must reflect that in terms of consistent mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. Please do the right things.”

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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