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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS SEVENTH COVID-19 DEATH

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

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “During this special time of year, it is especially difficult to share that a seventh member of our community has died due to the coronavirus.”

The man, who was in his 60s, passed away in the hospital on Tuesday evening. He was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases.

Dr. Stringham said, “I hope as a community we will mourn deeply with this man’s family and friends so they can know how very sorry we are for their loss.”

For the second time in a week, Nevada on Thursday reported a new single-day record for coronavirus deaths, with 50 additional fatalities.

That was two more than the previous record set December 3, according to Department of Health and Human Services data posted on the state’s coronavirus website. The seven-day moving average of daily reported deaths remained at 26, the highest it’s been since the start of the pandemic.

Dr. Stringham said with the state’s rising death toll, it might be easy to forget that each number represents a person who is loved, who has made contributions, who will be missed.

“I find myself growing weary of people quibbling over death rates—somehow incredulously claiming that COVID-19’s death rate is not high enough to justify our most precautionary behavior,” said the doctor.

Dr. Stringham continued, “How many lives does it take to care? For me, even one life is more than enough to justify our best efforts. Please join me in putting forth your best efforts.”

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. Monday through Friday (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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