

# Humboldt County Health Board



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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 651 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 371 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Humboldt County has been notified of 33 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 651.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 159 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,398 tests, 148 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 10 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
651	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
650	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
649	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
648	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
647	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
646	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
645	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
644	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
643	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
642	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
641	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
640	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
639	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
638	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
637	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
636	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
635	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
634	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
633	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
632	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
631	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
630	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
629	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
628	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
627	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
626	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
625	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
624	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
623	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
622	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
621	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
620	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
619	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 618 cases, 273 have recovered, 333 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and seven have died; Humboldt County has 371 active cases.

Nevada has the highest COVID-19 hospitalization rate per capita, according to The COVID Tracking Project, a public database published by The Atlantic.

The database shows Nevada has a rate of 59.2 hospitalizations per 100,000 people. The next closest state is South Dakota at 55.5 hospitalizations per 100,000 people.

According to Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, the state saw 45 new COVID-19 deaths Friday and 2,783 new cases. The test positivity rate was 21.9%.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said Nevada’s record numbers of hospitalizations, deaths and positive cases can be alarming.

“But this is no time to throw in the towel,” he said. “Now is the time to seek out the best information to protect you and your family.”

Dr. Stringham has invited local residents to attend a live COVID-19 Q&A podcast at 7 p.m. Monday, December 14.

“We realize it’s difficult for most people to fully engage in doing the right things to prevent COVID-19 transmissions when they haven’t had the opportunity to ask about the things that don’t make sense to them,” said Dr. Stringham.

“This podcast will help—not by adding to the massive volume of conflicting, confusing information you’ve already seen in the news—but by answering the exact questions you’ve had all along. There won’t be any boring lectures, just straightforward, simple answers to your questions.”

To join Monday’s meeting, [click here](#) just prior to the 7 p.m. start time and follow the prompts for audio

and video controls. Or, call in (audio only) at (702) 935-0127 and press conference ID 627 263 631# at the prompt.

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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