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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS EIGHTH COVID-19 DEATH

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

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “We are very sad to report the death of an eighth member of our community from COVID-19.”

The woman, who was in her 80s, passed away in the hospital on Wednesday. She was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases.

Dr. Stringham said, “It is always difficult to lose a loved one, but losing a loved one during the holidays is especially trying. I hope we, as a community, will provide emotional support for any who are suffering during this time.”

Dr. Stringham said the hospital has experienced a serious uptick in COVID hospitalizations over the past several weeks—an increase that mirrors the rest of the state.

Sunday, the state recorded its highest number of hospitalized patients at 2,025; Tuesday nearly reached that number again at 2,008 patients.

In its December 15 report, the Nevada Hospital Association noted: “For the second time in the last three days, Nevada has had 2,000+ people hospitalized with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.”

What’s more troubling, said Dr. Stringham, is the majority of hospital admissions remain in the 60+ year old age groups.

“Our older residents are very vulnerable to this virus,” he said. “We must do everything we can to protect our 60-and-older population, to use our safest precautions around them, and to ensure that another family doesn’t have to suffer with losing a beloved loved one.”

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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