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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 768 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 292 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Humboldt County has been notified of 16 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 768.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 171 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,495 tests, 158 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 12 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
768	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
767	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
766	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
765	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
764	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
763	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
762	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
761	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
760	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
759	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
758	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
757	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
756	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
755	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
754	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
753	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 752 cases, 467 have recovered, 269 are self-isolating, seven are hospitalized locally, and

nine have died; Humboldt County has 292 active cases.

The coronavirus has accelerated very quickly in Humboldt County over the past weeks. Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said with the increasing cases, the odds of getting the virus have also increased.

“It used to be a person would have to take unnecessary risks to get this virus,” he said. “Now, it’s very easy.”

As of today, the doctor said Humboldt County has almost 300 active cases of the virus, and based on local testing numbers, it appears the county will continue to have a steady stream of positive cases—especially since Humboldt’s positivity rate has been hovering between 30 percent and 40 percent for weeks now.

“People need to be more careful than ever,” advised Dr. Stringham. “Many people have been exposed to this virus and may not know it; we should be treating everyone as if they have COVID—and that goes for ourselves as well.”

Dr. Stringham said while COVID-19 vaccination has begun and will continue through the coming year, vaccination does not exonerate any resident from his or her responsibility to do the right thing.

“The vaccine will be a great help, especially as more people receive that protection,” he said, “but we still must keep wearing masks, keep social distancing, keep washing hands, keep avoiding gatherings with people not of our same household. These are the things that will see us through.”

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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