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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS 10th COVID-19 DEATH

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its 10th death from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “We are sad to report the 10th death of a community member from COVID-19.”

The woman, who was in her 50s, died at home on Sunday, December 20. She was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases.

“We offer her family members and friends our deepest and most heartfelt condolences on her passing. We know she will be greatly missed.”

This is the sixth death in Humboldt County in just over three weeks; previously, Humboldt County has not had a COVID death since May.

The state as a whole continues to report record deaths. Nevada set a somber milestone for most coronavirus deaths in one week as of Saturday, surpassing the benchmark reached just a week ago, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The state had 231 deaths over seven days, up from the record of 213 deaths set last week.

Dr. Stringham said, “While the state uses numbers to record those deaths, I hope we never forget that each person represents a mother, a brother, a daughter, a grandfather, a beloved friend.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “I hope we always remember that each number represents a grieving family who has been devastated by this virus and that, in that spirit of respect and humility, we will wear masks and maintain our distances to help reduce this virus’s hold on our community.”

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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