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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 851 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 373 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of 12 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 851.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 178 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,591 tests, 169 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has eight 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
851	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
850	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
849	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
848	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
847	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
846	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
845	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
844	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
843	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
842	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
841	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
840	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 839 cases, 467 have recovered, 356 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 373 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, is asking local residents to be watchful of COVID-like symptoms and exposure following the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

“We are expecting a rise in cases,” he said, “and the most important thing people can do to help eventually bring those case numbers down is get tested at the first sign of symptoms or exposure.”

Dr. Stringham said if a test comes back positive for COVID, the person must isolate for 10 days from the date of the test—whether he or she has symptoms or not.

Those with a known exposure whose test comes back negative for COVID should quarantine for 14 days because they could still develop symptoms at any time during the quarantine period.

“By getting tested, we can trace the virus and try to contain it before more people become infected,” said Dr. Stringham. “It’s also a big help in keeping our hospital, businesses and schools open.”

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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