

# Humboldt County Health Board



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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 901 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 423 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of 20 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 901.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 184 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,657 tests, 175 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
901	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
900	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
899	Man	38	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
898	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
897	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
896	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
895	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
894	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
893	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
892	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
891	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
890	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
889	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
888	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
887	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
886	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
885	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
884	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
883	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
882	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 881 cases, 467 have recovered, 396 are self-isolating, seven are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 423 active cases.

Yesterday and today, Humboldt County health officials administered the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to Tier 1 residents who were the first to receive the vaccine in December. In all, more than 400 local residents have been immunized against the virus, not including long term care residents, who are vaccinated through a different system.

Yesterday, Humboldt County Emergency Manager Captain Sean Wilkin told Humboldt County Health Board members that the county is leading out among the rural counties in administering vaccines in an efficient and cohesive manner. Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman has been instrumental in that effort.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, credited Captain Wilkin and Marsha Foreman for the county's success.

"Captain Wilkin has done a phenomenal job working through the logistics needed to bring the vaccine here," said Dr. Stringham, "and Marsha Foreman and her team have been our boots on the ground to get those vaccines to the people with remarkable speed."

Dr. Stringham gave equal praise to Humboldt General Hospital for their efforts to vaccinate their workforce.

"This is a very time-sensitive vaccine that requires a lot of moving parts to finally be administered," said Dr. Stringham. "I am just very proud of how this is working in Humboldt County."

Dr. Stringham said Tier 1 vaccinations will wrap up in January; Tier 2 vaccinations, including vaccinations for the county's 75+ population, are expected to begin in mid-February.

"As soon as we have more information, we will share it," he said. "In addition to our 75+ population, we need our essential workers to prepare, so we can continue this mass protection program against the spread of the virus."

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.

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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