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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 937 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 459 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 937.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 193 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,731 tests, 182 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 |
|--------|--------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 937 | Woman | 40s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 936 | Man | 50s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 935 | Man | 40s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 934 | Woman | 20s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 933 | Woman | 20s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 932 | Man | 30s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 931 | Woman | 30s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 930 | Woman | 40s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 929 | Man | 50s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 928 | Woman | 30s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 927 | Woman | 60s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |
| 926 | Woman | 50s | Investigation in progress | Self-isolating |

Of the previous 925 cases, 467 have recovered, 442 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 459 active cases.

Monday, Governor Steve Sisolak extended Nevada’s current statewide “pause” for an additional 30 days, citing a continuing surge in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

Per the state's guidelines, businesses including bars, restaurants, gyms and casinos must continue to operate at 25 percent capacity. Public gatherings will remain at 50 persons or less and private gatherings will continue to be limited to 10 persons or less from no more than two households.

The governor said cases, hospitalizations and deaths are expected to increase over the next four weeks—something that Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham shared with health board members last Thursday.

Dr. Stringham said Humboldt County has not seen the full effect from the winter holidays, including New Year's celebrations.

"It takes about five weeks for us to see the full cycle come into play, from exposure, to infection, symptoms and illness and finally hospitalizations for those who will be most severely affected," he said.

Dr. Stringham asked residents to do their best to abide by the "pause" recommendations, by limiting their non-household gatherings as much as possible.

"Every little decision counts in this fight," he said. "Even one phone call versus a visit may mean the difference between health or sickness for a person."

Dr. Stringham reminded residents that the state's mask mandate is still in effect. He also called on residents to maintain an appropriate social distance and wash their hands frequently.

Currently, the statewide test positivity rate is 21.1 percent; in Humboldt County, the rate is 25.7 percent. Humboldt County's continues to have the third highest rate in the state.

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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