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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS SIX NEW CASES, 987 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). After one of yesterday’s cases was transferred to another jurisdiction, Humboldt now has 987 total confirmations.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 193 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,763 tests, 186 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has six 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
987	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
986	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
985	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
984	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
983	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
982	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

No COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized locally and 12 have died. Humboldt County is currently conducting an audit of positive cases from all testing entities. Until that process is complete, we will not share updated recovery or active case numbers.

Today, the U.S. reported 400,000 deaths from COVID-19, a grim reminder of the toll the coronavirus has taken on the nation. Since December 1, nine Americans have died every five minutes from COVID-19.

The nation’s more than 22 million confirmed cases equate to about 15 percent of the total U.S. population.

News outlets are also making note that in less than a year, nearly as many Americans have died of COVID-19 than died during World War II, according to Johns Hopkins University data.

The pandemic now ranks as the third-deadliest event in the history of the United States, behind the 1918 Spanish flu and the Civil War of 1861-1865.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said when local residents look at the pandemic in relationship to other well-known tragic events in our history, it puts into perspective how deadly the past year has been.

“We are living during a terribly dangerous time,” he said, “which I think is exacerbated because there are some who continue to claim that COVID is a hoax or just the flu,” said Dr. Stringham.

“This is no longer a time to debate or to debunk what we know is a highly infectious and sometimes deadly virus. It is time to unite in doing the right things and to protect ourselves and those around us.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “This is not a political issue or a social issue: it is a public health issue and we must all respond together to get the virus under control.”

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.

Humboldt County has established a COVID-19 vaccine recorded information line. Call (775) 375-3200 to hear the latest about vaccine allocations, local distribution opportunities and changes as they occur. The line will be updated with new information every Monday and Thursday, or as needed.

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