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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS SIX NEW CASES, 993 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the overall total to 993.

The Fort McDermitt Wellness Center reports 193 positive cases, 186 recoveries and three active cases. In all, the wellness center has completed 2,778 tests, and one member of the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has died.

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
993	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
992	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
991	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
990	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
989	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
988	Woman	20s	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, updated recovery and active case numbers will not be available.

As Humboldt County prepares for more COVID-19 vaccinations, local residents may be wondering what to expect after getting the shot.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said there are some things residents might expect.

“There may be some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection,” he said. “These side effects may affect your ability to do daily activities for a short time, but they should go away.”

Common side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine include pain and swelling at the site of the injection. Residents also may experience fever, chills, tiredness and headache.

In most cases, the doctor said discomfort from fever or pain is normal; however, he encouraged residents to contact their healthcare provider if the redness or tenderness at the injection site increases after 24 hours, or if side effects do not seem to be subsiding after a few days.

Dr. Stringham reminded residents that the COVID-19 vaccine is a two-shot series. “Get the second shot even if you have side effects with the first shot, unless a vaccination provider or your doctor tells you not to get a second shot,” he said.

Even after receiving both shots in the series, Dr. Stringham said residents should still continue to use recommended precautionary measures.

“We are still learning how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions, so cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around non-household members, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often,” he said.

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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