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NUMBERS CONTINUE DECLINE WITH EXPANDED CAPACITY; HUMBOLDT REPORTS FOUR NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Since Nevada’s capacity limits began to ease on February 15, officials have not reported any negative effects.

Beginning February 15, capacity limits at bars and restaurants, gyms, gaming floors, and places of worship moved from 25 percent to 35 percent.

Starting March 15, almost all businesses will move to 50 percent capacity. The state is hoping to transition most COVID-related decisions back to local control by May 1.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said he is confident those positive trends can continue.

“This is a classic case of ‘slow and steady wins the race,’” said Dr. Stringham. “There’s absolutely no reason to think trends will go up if we continue to wear masks, socially distance and get vaccinated.”

Humboldt County is hosting a drive-thru vaccine distribution for all residents age 18 and older on Monday and Tuesday, March 8-9. To register, residents may visit <https://humboldtvaccinationpod.eventbrite.com>.

“The more people who get vaccinated, and the more people who continue to wear masks and socially distance, the better our chances of seeing this downward trend in cases continue,” said Dr. Stringham. “I’m hoping residents will continue to do their part so as a community, we can fully open again.”

Humboldt County has been notified of four more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1071. In all, the county has 1041 recovered cases and 17 active cases. No COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized locally and 13 county residents have died.

Pamela Johnson DNP, MSN-APRN, FNP-BC, with the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, is reporting 210 total cases, 208 recovered cases, two active cases and one death. The center has completed 3,174 tests. Fort McDermitt has chosen to report separately from Humboldt County.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County cases are being 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
1071	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1070	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1069	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1068	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County:

- Wear a mask around anyone not of the same household.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from non-household members 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.
- Self-isolate following a known exposure, or while waiting for COVID-19 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 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (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 serving Nevada Gold Mines 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](#), at www.hcnv.us and at [The Humboldt County Report](#).

Humboldt County has established a COVID-19 vaccine recorded information line in both English and Spanish. Call (775) 375-3200 to hear the latest about vaccine allocations, local distribution opportunities and changes as they occur. The line is updated with new information every Monday and Thursday (not including holidays), or as needed.

Humboldt County has a supply of personal protective equipment, including facial masks and hand sanitizer, available to local businesses. To request supplies, businesses should call the Humboldt County Comptroller's office at (775) 623-6467.