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NEVADA AIMS FOR JUNE 1 FULL OPENING; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 13 NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Earlier this week, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced his goal to have all Nevada counties open to 100 percent capacity by June 1 at the latest.

The governor also announced that the statewide social distancing mandate will be removed on May 1, although the mask mandate will remain in effect statewide while Nevadans continue to be vaccinated.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he is confident that as local residents work together, Humboldt County's COVID-19 risk will greatly diminish.

"The two things we need most are masks and vaccinations," he said. "We are seeing an uptick right now in both our positive cases and our hospitalizations, so I want to encourage every community resident to make those two things a priority."

COVID-19 mitigation measures are expected to transfer to local authority starting May 1; Humboldt County will present its transition plan to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force on Thursday, April 22.

The transition to local authority means that every county will be able to make decisions based on what is best for their communities while taking into account transmission of the virus, vaccination, testing and other infrastructure needs specific to their communities. School districts will also begin making their own local decisions May 1.

"Our school district, businesses, churches and even families know what is best for them; we just ask that people act with a sincere desire to help our community rise above this past year," said Dr. Stringham. "If you have symptoms, get tested. If you haven't been vaccinated, make an appointment. If you're going out, wear a mask."

Dr. Stringham added, "Our recommendations are very small compared to the large opportunities that lie before us to open at 100 percent capacity."

Humboldt County has been notified of 13 more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1135. In all, the county has 1097 recovered cases and 25 active cases. Three COVID-19 patients are

currently hospitalized locally and 13 county residents have died.

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
1135	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1134	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1133	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1132	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1131	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1130	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1129	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1128	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1127	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1126	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1125	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1124	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1123	Woman	20s	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. Information is also available by emailing vaccine@humboldtcountynev.gov.

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.

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