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COVID-19 TESTING STILL IMPORTANT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 12 NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Local health officials are pleased with Humboldt County’s vaccination progress, but they’re issuing a reminder that COVID-19 testing is still important.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said it is appropriate and necessary for the community to be heavily focused on vaccination efforts, “but we must remember that testing is also an important tool to help identify new infections and slow the spread.”

Dr. Stringham advised that anyone with flu- or cold-like symptoms, like fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea be tested as soon as possible.

Those who have experienced a direct exposure to a person with COVID, or who is manifesting COVID-like symptoms, should also be tested. Evidence suggests that testing tends to be most accurate five to seven days after exposure; tests are even more accurate when patients are exhibiting symptoms.

“We are seeing an uptick right now in both our positive cases and our hospitalizations,” said Dr. Stringham, “so I want to remind the community that testing is still a priority; we need to be able to trace positive cases and curb the spread of the virus.”

Testing is available from the Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic, Golden Valley Medical Center (for Nevada Gold Mines employees and affiliates) and Ridley’s Pharmacy. More details are available on Page 2 of this release.

Those experiencing severe COVID-like symptoms, including trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and/or pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, should proceed directly the HGH Emergency Department, or should call 9-1-1 for assistance.

Humboldt County has been notified of 12 more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1147. In all, the county has 1113 recovered cases and 21 active cases. Two 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
1147	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1146	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1145	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1144	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1143	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1142	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1141	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1140	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1139	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1138	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1137	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1136	Woman	50s	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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