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## **STATE MASK MANDATE REMAINS IN EFFECT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 15 NEW CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Nevada officials say the state’s mask mandate will remain in effect, even after most COVID-related mandates transition to local authority on May 1.

In a bulletin released Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the state said, “Masks continue to be an important tool we have in combating the virus and Nevadans should continue to wear them when they are interacting with people from outside their households.”

Although state emergency directives will no longer include social distancing and sanitation guidelines as of May 1, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he recommends that local residents continue to also socially distance when appropriate.

“The state is turning over the social distancing mandate to the counties,” said Dr. Stringham, “but that doesn’t mean it’s not an important tool in continuing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

Dr. Stringham said, “By minimizing the amount of close contact we have with others, we reduce our chances of catching the virus and spreading it to our loved ones and within the community.”

Dr. Stringham also said wearing a mask and social distancing are particularly important around vulnerable populations, including those who have not been vaccinated.

“We still have an obligation to try to help and protect each other, and that goes for those who are at greater risk,” he said. “Wear a mask and get vaccinated and, when appropriate, keep your distance.”

Humboldt County has been notified of 15 more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1162. In all, the county has 1115 recovered cases and 34 active cases. One COVID-19 patient is 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
1162	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1161	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1160	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1159	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1158	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1157	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1156	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1155	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1154	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1153	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1152	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1151	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1150	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1149	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1148	Female	Teen	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](http://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](mailto: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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