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HUMBOLDT VACCINE, COVID CASE UPDATE; COUNTY REPORTS SIX NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—COVID-19 vaccination rates in Humboldt County are progressing, but they are still struggling to keep up with the rest of the state and the nation.

In Nevada, 44.2 of residents are at least partially vaccinated. The national rate is 49.2 percent, according to an analysis of CDC data. In comparison, just 30.4 percent of Humboldt County residents are at least partially vaccinated.

As of Friday, May 28, Humboldt County reported administering another 9,464 vaccine doses, including 5,201 first doses. In the previous week, the county administered 9,287 vaccine doses, including 5,114 first doses.

This past week, the worst outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Elko, Lander and White Pine counties. Clark County, Washoe County and Elko County added the most new cases overall, although weekly case counts rose in eight counties from the previous week, including Humboldt with six. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Elko, which reported 91 new cases, leading to the closure of Elko High School for the remainder of the year.

Yesterday, the Community Health Nurse hosted a rural vaccination clinic at the Orovada Community Center; the second dose will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29.

Other vaccination opportunities are available at the local Walmart and Ridley's Pharmacies as well as the Office of the Community Health Nurse.

Humboldt General Hospital is no longer offering vaccination clinics although hospital officials told Health Board officials at their regular meeting on Thursday, May 20, that COVID-19 vaccines will eventually be available in provider offices for individual patients, much like the flu vaccine.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said people do not talk about mumps, measles, whooping cough and polio anymore because those diseases have been controlled through mass vaccination.

"We have escaped those dreadful diseases and now they are largely things of the past," he said. "It's time to do the same with COVID through an equally effective vaccination effort. Please help us eradicate

COVID by getting vaccinated.”

Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1199. In all, the county has 1177 recovered cases and eight active cases. One COVID-19 patient is currently hospitalized locally and 14 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
1199	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1198	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1197	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1196	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1195	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1194	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

The following vaccination opportunities are available to Humboldt County residents:

- **Ridley’s Pharmacy** is offering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to Humboldt County residents age 18 and older. Visit app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=22007397 and follow the prompts to schedule the vaccine at the Winnemucca store.
- **The Walmart Pharmacy** in Winnemucca is offering COVID-19 vaccines to all individuals age 18 and older. Participants will receive the two-dose Moderna vaccine. Visit Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine and follow the prompts to view available appointments.
- **The Community Health Nurse** is offering vaccination appointments for Humboldt County residents age 18 and older. Vaccine type depends on availability. Please call (775) 623-6575 to schedule.

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@humboldtcountynv.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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