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## **VACCINE AVAILABLE TO YOUTH 12-15; COUNTY REPORTS FOUR NEW, THREE TRANSFERRED CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— The COVID-19 vaccine is now authorized for use in youth ages 12-17 years old. Still, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said it's normal for parents to have questions about vaccinating their children.

"We understand that all of this is relatively new," he said. "There are a lot of unknowns, but there are also a lot of knowns—things that have now been scientifically proven."

Dr. Stringham continued, "Perhaps the biggest thing we now know is that vaccination against COVID-19 will end this pandemic, bringing back our events and keeping our schools and businesses open."

Dr. Stringham shared some important things for parents to consider:

- In May 2021, children accounted for 22 percent of all new COVID-19 cases, while one year ago they represented only 3 percent.
- Some children experience serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19.
- Doctors still don't know the long-term effects of COVID-19 infection—for children or adults.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective and brings life-saving protection to those who are vaccinated and protects those who are unable to get vaccinated.

"It's one vaccine versus a host of potential issues," said Dr. Stringham. "I encourage all community residents, age 12 and older, to get vaccinated against COVID-19."

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

Humboldt County has been notified of four more positive cases of COVID-19; in addition, three previously confirmed cases have been transferred to Humboldt County, raising the overall cumulative total to 1209. In all, the county has 1190 recovered cases and five active cases. No COVID-19 patients are 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
1209	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1208	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1207	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1206	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1205	Man	50s	Previously confirmed case	Recovered
1204	Woman	40s	Previously confirmed case	Recovered
1203	Man	40s	Previously confirmed case	Recovered

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](http://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 12 and older. Participants ages 12-17 will receive the two-dose Pfizer vaccine; adults age 18 and older will receive the two-dose Moderna vaccine. Visit [Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](http://Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) and follow the prompts to view available appointments.
- **The Community Health Nurse** is offering vaccination appointments for Humboldt County residents age 12 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](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 Friday (not including holidays), or as needed. Information is also available by emailing [vaccine@humboldtcountynv.gov](mailto: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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