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## **NOW IS THE TIME FOR VACCINATION AGAINST DELTA; COUNTY REPORTS SIX NEW CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said this week that the delta COVID variant is one of the most infectious respiratory diseases ever seen by scientists.

The variant is highly contagious, largely because people infected with the delta strain can carry up to 1,000 times more virus in their nasal passages than those infected with the original strain, according to new [data](#).

In just three weeks, the delta has spread from 50% of cases nationwide to 83% this week. “The virus simply searches for the next vulnerable person to infect,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD. “It will not stop until we stop providing hosts.”

Dr. Stringham reminded local residents that the key to stopping the variant is vaccination. While hospitalizations are up 32% from last week and deaths are up 19%, 97% of people admitted with COVID symptoms are unvaccinated, and 99.5% of all COVID deaths are also among the unvaccinated.

“This is not difficult to understand,” said Dr. Stringham. “Get the vaccine and prevent severe illness and death; don’t get the vaccine and you are walking a very dangerous road, especially since more than 75% of all cases in Nevada are now delta.”

Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall cumulative total to 1248. In all, the county has 1220 recovered and 14 active cases. Three local people have been hospitalized this week; one COVID-19 patient remains hospitalized. In all, 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
1248	Man	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1247	Man	50s	Under investigation	Past Hospitalization
1246	Woman	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
1245	Male	Teen	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1244	Woman	50s	Under investigation	Past Hospitalization
1243	Woman	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating

The following vaccination opportunities are available to Humboldt County residents:

- **Ridley’s Pharmacy** is offering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to all individuals 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. Vaccine type depends on age and availability. Visit [Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](http://Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) and follow the prompts to view available appointments.
- **The Community Health Nurse** is offering vaccination appointments to all individuals age 12 and older. Vaccine type depends on age and availability. Please call (775) 623-6575 to schedule.
- **Humboldt County Community Health** will host a [“Back to School” immunization clinic](#) on Thursday, August 12; youth will return September 2 to receive their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Interested parents may call the Community Health Office at (775) 623-6575 to schedule that vaccine or any other needed inoculations for children ages preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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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