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TWO NEW COVID-19 PATIENTS BRING HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL TO NINE

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County was notified of two new cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Winnemucca, bringing the county's total to nine.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health is working to identify any persons with whom the newest cases may have had close contact.

A brief summary of the two newest cases follows:

- Case 9 – A man in his 50s, known to be a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 8 – A woman in her 40s, known to be a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the seven previously reported cases, four have been hospitalized and three are self-isolating at home.

Dr. Stringham said it's important for the public to understand the serious nature of COVID-19 and its potential to spread. Despite the growing number of cases, he said his message to the community remains the same.

"Please keep in mind that each of us has the power to prevent infection in ourselves. It is critical that everyone maintain the greatest distance from all other people possible. Under no circumstances do I recommend that people come within six feet of anyone else."

In addition, Dr. Stringham encouraged all residents to:

- Stay home to protect others.
- Practice everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:
 - 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.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- 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 at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

Local residents who have mild fever, cough, or other respiratory symptoms should go to Humboldt General Hospital's West Campus screening clinic, located at 51 E. Haskell Street; the clinic is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Senior residents should call the clinic first at (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, so staff may direct their arrival.

Anyone who is experiencing severe respiratory distress should proceed immediately to the HGH Emergency Department. For complete guidance, please visit www.hghospital.org.

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