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HUMBOLDT COUNTY COVID-19 CONFIRMATIONS NOW AT 14

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 14.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest cases are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information follows:

- Case 14 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 13 – A female in her teens, known to be a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 12 – A man who was diagnosed in another county. He is self-isolating in Humboldt County.

Of the 11 previously reported cases, one has been released from the hospital, three remain hospitalized, and eight are self-isolating at home.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said it's normal for people to feel alarmed as the number of local cases rise, but he reminded residents that their actions are still the sole determiners of whether they contract the virus.

"If you choose to always take the right actions, you will not get this virus, regardless of what others choose to do," said Dr. Stringham. "Remember, you are in control."

Dr. Stringham reminded residents to respect social distancing, to carefully wash their hands after handling any items, to stay home to limit exposure, and to wear a mask if going out in public is necessary.

He reiterated:

- 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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