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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS SECOND COVID-19 DEATH

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its second death due to COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, “I am so sorry to have to share news that saddens each of us. Last evening, we lost another member of our community to Coronavirus. The passing of this gentleman brings to a total two fatalities of fellow Humboldt County residents.”

The man, who was in his 60s, was one of Humboldt County’s previously confirmed cases; he was hospitalized at the time of his death.

Dr. Stringham said, “I ask that every single person in our community join with me in our aggressive fight against this virus. If you are not yet engaged in doing the right things, all of us desperately need your help!”

Dr. Stringham asked that everyone stay at least six feet away from others, wash their hands frequently, and wear a mask in public—at all times.

“If every single person does this, we will stop this virus,” he said.

Dr. Stringham reiterated:

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a mask if going out in public is necessary.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from other people at all times.
- 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.

Humboldt County has joined the Elko COVID-19 Hotline, which is available to direct residents with COVID-19 symptoms, and to answer questions. Local residents may call (775) 777-2507 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 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.

Local COVID-19 information is available in Spanish @CovidEspanol. Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information are available in English at @StopHumboldtCoronavirus and @HumboldtCountyNV.

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