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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 36

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 36.

Out of 15 pending cases for today, 13 came back negative; one is still pending.

Thirty-five of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while one was confirmed out of area.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest case 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 36 – A female in her teens, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 35 previously reported cases, five have recovered, two are hospitalized, 26 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the county received word this week that the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division, has procured 500 Abbott Rapid Test kits for COVID-19 testing.

"Once those kits arrive at Humboldt General Hospital, it will make it much easier for medical staff to screen patients—especially at-risk patients—very quickly."

Dr. Stringham said the hospital will still utilize conventional methods of testing when appropriate, "but to have this ability to receive results in five to 15 minutes is wonderful news for our community."

**Dr. Stringham continued to urge county residents to maintain at least six feet of distance from others at all times and to wear a mask anytime they are in the vicinity of others.**

Local residents who need a mask may message Dr. Stringham on the Stop Coronavirus in Humboldt

County Now Facebook page @stophumboldtcoronavirus. Masks also are available by messaging @MuccaMaskMakers on Facebook.

To join the fight against COVID-19, please:

- 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](http://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](http://www.hghospital.org).

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

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