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HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S TOTAL CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 38

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 38.

In all, 286 people have been tested for the virus; eight results are pending.

Thirty-seven 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 38 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 37 previously reported cases, five have recovered, two are hospitalized, 28 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away.

Humboldt County and the City of Winnemucca continue to work together to help prepare all local businesses for eventual re-opening.

“While much of what we do will hinge on the Governor’s directives,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, “we want to show that we are ready to open as a community in the safest way possible.”

The doctor said every resident will play an important role in that plan’s success. “Everyone needs to wear a mask,” he said. “Everyone needs to socially distance; everyone needs to wash their hands and clean frequently touched objects.”

Dr. Stringham continued, “As we do these things, the number of cases will continue to go down and our recovery numbers will continue to go up and we will be able to show that 14-day progress the Governor

wants to see.”

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.

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.

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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