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THREE MORE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COVID-19 CASES RAISE TOTAL TO 44

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 44.

In all, 313 people have been tested for the virus; 24 results are pending.

Forty-two of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while two were confirmed out of state.

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 44 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 43 - A man in his 50s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 42 – A woman in her 30s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 41 previously reported cases, five have recovered, three are hospitalized, 31 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 37 active cases.

Today, at the Humboldt County Health Board meeting, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, introduced the "Kill Covid Challenge."

Dr. Stringham is challenging residents to strictly adhere to mask and social distancing recommendations for the next two weeks until May 14, 2020.

"I hope we can all remember that this virus does not control us, we control this virus through our actions," he said. "As long as we do the right things, like wearing a mask and maintaining an appropriate distance from others, the virus can't touch us."

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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