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FIVE MORE HUMBOLDT COUNTY COVID-19 CASES RAISE TOTAL TO 49

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of five more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 49.

In all, 316 people have been tested for the virus; five results are pending.

Forty-seven 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 49 – A woman in her 40s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 48 - A woman in her 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 47 – A man in his 40s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 46 – A woman in her 60s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 45 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 44 previously reported cases, 10 have recovered, three are hospitalized, 29 are self-isolating at home, and two have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 37 active cases.

Thursday, 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.

As of Monday, May 4, screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms will be provided in Clinic Suite C, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street. Residents should call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, to alert staff and then stay in their vehicle until notified to enter. The screening clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; the clinic is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

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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