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HUMBOLDT COUNTY NOW HAS 53 COVID-19 CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of three more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 53.

Fifty-one 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 53 – A female in her teens, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 52 – A woman in her 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 51 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 50 previously reported cases, 11 have recovered, three are hospitalized, 33 are self-isolating at home, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 39 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the majority of confirmations in Humboldt County have resulted from people gathering when they should be adhering to Governor Steve Sisolak's no gathering, stay at home orders.

"With warmer weather coming on, we truly are pleading with people to do what is right, to set a good example by saying no to gathering with family or friends who live outside the home."

He continued, "We literally cannot overcome this virus, we cannot re-open business and we cannot return to normal as a community until every one of us choose to do the right things."

Dr. Stringham has asked residents to wear a mask, maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet, and not visit those who are sick or who are in respiratory isolation.

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 at Humboldt General Hospital's Suite C Clinic, 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.

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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