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HUMBOLDT COUNTY NOW HAS 58 COVID-19 CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of five more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 58.

Fifty-six 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 58 – A woman in her 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 57 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 56 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 55 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 54 – A man in his 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 53 previously reported cases, 11 have recovered, three are hospitalized, 36 are self-isolating at home, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 44 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, called on the community to make this virus their number one priority.

"We are dealing with sickness, death, unemployment, closed businesses, educational challenges, social isolation and more, all because of this virus," he said.

"But these negative results can easily go away if we do the right things," said Dr. Stringham. "If we continue to do the wrong things, however, this virus will continue to have power over our lives."

Dr. Stringham again asked residents to wear a mask; to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet; to not gather with any person who does not live in the same household, including at work; and to not visit those who are sick or who are self-isolating.

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 visiting sick people or those who are self-isolating.
- 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, and 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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