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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS 61 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 61.

In all, 411 people have been tested and over 60 results are pending.

Fifty-eight of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, while three were confirmed out of area.

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 61 – A man who was tested out of area but self-isolated in Humboldt County. He has recovered.
- Case 60 – A man in his 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 59 – A female child, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 58 previously reported cases, 12 have recovered, four are hospitalized, 38 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 46 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, reminded residents that one week ago, Humboldt County had 40 cases of COVID-19; over the past seven days, the county has confirmed 21 additional cases.

"These numbers can be very discouraging to those who have engaged with us in our plan to weaken this virus's hold on our community," he said.

"To those people who have done the right things, I want to say thank you. You have been a bulwark in this storm, in ensuring that more people have not been affected. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed."

Dr. Stringham said for those who continue to flout recommendations to not gather, socially distance and wear a mask, the local Fast Team is gathering information and Humboldt County is reviewing more effective ways to ensure compliance with self-isolation protocols.

“We simply cannot allow the reckless behavior of some to put the health, and even the lives of others, at risk,” he said.

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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