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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS FOUR NEW COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 65**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of four more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 65.

Sixty-two 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 65 – A man in his 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 64 – A female in her teens, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 63 – A man in his 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 62 – A man in his 60s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the 61 previously reported cases, 12 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 44 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 49 active cases.

Friday, May 8, the Humboldt County Commission accepted Phase One of Governor Steve Sisolak's plan to reopen the state's economy.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the business reopenings will bring more people into closer proximity with each other than has been the case since the COVID-19 outbreak.

"During this and future phases of the state's plan, your safety and that of others will rest even more on your own choices," he said. "It is critical that each of you understands that freedoms to enjoy the

benefits of being in public come with the responsibility of doing the right things.”

Dr. Stringham said under the Governor’s plan, all business employees are required to wear masks, but the public is not.

“Please wear masks if you must go out,” he said. “Please maintain at least 6 feet of distance. I appreciate that the government is loosening these restrictions, but that doesn’t mean this virus will loosen its hold on our community unless we act proactively.”

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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

Screening for respiratory illness or COVID-19 symptoms is now 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](http://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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