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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES BRINGING TOTAL TO 69

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 69.

In all, 469 people have been tested and 38 results are pending.

Sixty-six 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 69 – A male teenager, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 68 – A woman in her 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the 67 previously reported cases, 13 have recovered, one is hospitalized, 49 are self-isolating at home, one has relocated to his home state, and three have passed away. Humboldt County currently has 52 active cases.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division, has announced drive-thru community-based COVID-19 testing for all Humboldt County residents starting Thursday, May 14, at the Winnemucca Event Center.

The community testing POD is not antibody testing or rapid test kit testing; it is state lab-based testing. There is no cost to participants and residents will be notified of positive or negative results after 72 hours.

The screening POD will take place as follows:

- **Thursday, May 14:** 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. – healthcare, law enforcement, fire and first responders only; 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. - mine, swing shift and nightshift workers.
- **Friday, May 15:** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. - healthcare, law enforcement, fire and first responders only; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - general public.
- **Saturday, May 16:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - general public.
- **Monday, May 18:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - general public.

The screening POD is specifically designated for people who are essential workers, including healthcare workers, first responders, public works, and convenience/grocery store employees; persons who are in a high-risk category; employees and residents of congregate settings; persons who have traveled to an area that is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19; and members of the general public of all ages.

“This list is not all inclusive,” said Dr. Stringham, “but we are hopeful to get a solid cross-section of Humboldt County residents to take part in this community screening.”

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.

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.

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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