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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS NEWEST COVID-19 CASE, RAISING TOTAL TO 83

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 83.

Seventy-six of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and six were confirmed out of area.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest case 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 83 – A man in his 70s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 82 cases, 72 have recovered, six are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County now has seven active cases.

Beginning Friday, June 26, Governor Steve Sisolak has asked Nevada residents and visitors to wear a facial covering while in public.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said the Governor's directive comes after a four-week climb in COVID-19 cases across the state, and with accompanying research that shows facial coverings are one of the most effective ways to slow transmission of COVID-19.

"Wearing masks has somehow instigated a fight over the past months for political, social or personal reasons," he said, "but the real fight is against this virus, and masks are, without question, one of our most effective tools."

Dr. Stringham told Health Board members this week that just a few months ago, Humboldt County had the highest concentration of COVID-19 cases in the state.

Now, Humboldt County has one of the lowest concentrations of COVID-19 in the state—a reversal the doctor attributes to residents doing the "right things," like wearing masks.

However, Dr. Stringham said cases are slowly creeping up. “We are potentially ramping up again,” he said, “and we need to make sure we are taking those basic precautions, like wearing masks and social distancing.”

Free cloth masks are available to community members at the Olsen’s and Ridley’s pharmacies, courtesy of the Mucca Mask Makers, or by messaging the group on Facebook @Mucca Mask Makers.

To help fight 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, and 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](#).

Screening for COVID-19 is provided at Humboldt General Hospital’s Suite C Clinic, which may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street in Winnemucca. Residents should call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, to alert staff and then wait for assistance. The screening clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 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 the hospital’s [website](#).

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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