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NEWEST COVID-19 CASE RAISES HUMBOLDT COUNTY TOTAL TO 91

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), bringing the county's total to 91.

In all, Humboldt General Hospital has completed 1,230 tests; 23 results are pending.

Eighty-two of the cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and eight 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 91 – A female in her 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 90 cases, 76 have recovered, 10 are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has 11 active cases.

Per Governor Steve Sisolak's Directive 027, bars, pubs, taverns, distilleries, breweries, and wineries in Humboldt County, which do not serve food, closed to the public as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, July 10.

Additionally, restaurants cannot seat parties greater than six. Directive 024 requiring the use of face coverings while in public is still in effect.

The Governor said the policy actions are meant to limit the spread of the virus, especially in the wake of increased cases and hospitalizations throughout Nevada.

Sunday, Nevada set a new record for the number of hospitalizations with 953; similar hospitalization totals were reported all last week—the highest numbers since April 8 when hospitalizations peaked at 711.

The state also recorded the highest number of ICU patients over the weekend, as well as the highest

number of new COVID-19 cases on Thursday with 1,004.

While Humboldt County has a low positivity rate and a low active case count with no current hospitalizations, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said local residents must not get complacent, especially in light of what is happening in other areas.

“Humboldt County certainly has had a frightening run over the past several months,” he said, “and we are seeing a slight uptick now from where we were most recently, so I am asking our citizens to continue to do the right things.”

Dr. Stringham reminded residents that social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing are the three most important things they can continue to do in order to restrain the virus.

“I’m afraid if we give up on those things, we will begin to see our county follow the rest of the state,” he said. “We have the power to prevent this virus from spreading in Humboldt County; please join me in this continued fight.”

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](#).

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.

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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