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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS TWO NEW CONFIRMATIONS, FIVE ACTIVE CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 111.

Ninety-eight of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, and 12 were confirmed out of area. HGH has completed 1,872 tests; 43 results are pending.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 56 tests, with 54 negative and two results pending. Any positives through the Community Health Nurse will be reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has 84 total cases; 76 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 614 tests, 45 people have recovered, one person has died, two people are hospitalized and the tribe has 37 active cases.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County cases are being identified or have been notified and are following self-isolation procedures to prevent community spread of the virus.

Brief summary information of Humboldt County's latest case follows:

- Case 111 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 110 – A woman in her 50s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 109 cases, 102 have recovered, three are self-isolating and four have died; Humboldt County has five active cases.

Yesterday, the State of Nevada dropped Humboldt County from its list of counties with elevated risks of transmission of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force said Humboldt no longer meets the criteria for being on the list, though the Task Force will continue to receive ongoing updates from local officials to ensure county data trends are sustained.

Plus, Task Force members said they were pleased that Humboldt County has been successful in engaging the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribal Health Officer in keeping case numbers updated.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said Humboldt County may be flagged again if the number of confirmed cases rises substantially.

But Dr. Stringham said the county continues to rely on the mitigation measures that have helped fight the virus's spread from the beginning including wearing a mask, maintaining an appropriate social distance and washing hands.

"We continue to invite and encourage all Humboldt County residents to do the right things," he said. "In the case of this virus, our actions can make a significant difference; on the other hand, our lack of attention to the right things can lead to some very difficult circumstances for ourselves and others."

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County:

- Stay home to limit exposure, and wear a facial covering 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.
- Self-isolate if they have had a known exposure, or if they are awaiting COVID-19 test results.
- 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](#).

The Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic continues to test symptomatic and exposed residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic may be accessed from the ramp entrance on Mizpah Street. Residents should call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379, to alert staff and wait for assistance.

The Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse also is offering testing to asymptomatic persons with no known exposure. For more information or to make an appointment, residents may call the clinic at (775) 623-6575.

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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