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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 129 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 13 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 129.

Overall, 110 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, four were identified at the Golden Valley Medical Center, two were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy and 12 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 58 tests, with 57 negative and one result 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 reports 90 total cases; 76 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, five were tested out of area, while eight were tested through the National Guard community-based testing on July 26. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 775 tests, 89 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has no 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 cases follows:

- Case 129 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 128 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 127 cases, 112 have recovered, 10 are self-isolating, one is hospitalized and four have died; Humboldt County has 13 active cases.

Wednesday, September 23, Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman and a small army of volunteers produced the annual drive-thru flu shot clinic at the Winnemucca Event Center.

In all, close to 1,000 people were vaccinated against the seasonal flu. Other smaller PODs have also taken place across the county, including one at the Humboldt County School District where approximately 100 people were vaccinated.

“I am very pleased with the number of people being vaccinated against the flu,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD. “While we know that the flu shot does not protect against COVID-19, it does help prepare our community for the coming fall and winter months.”

“Without that protection,” continued Dr. Stringham, “there is more of a chance that flu, combined with COVID, will overwhelm our medical system.”

Community residents who still need a flu shot may visit their physician, a local pharmacy or the Community Health Office.

“The important thing,” said Dr. Stringham, “is that every citizen of Humboldt County, from age 6 months and up, takes advantage of the many opportunities to get vaccinated against this year’s flu virus.”

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](#).

Beginning Monday, September 28, the Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic will move to the HGH West Campus, located at 51 E. Haskell Street. From 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, the clinic will offer drive-thru screening for asymptomatic persons with a doctor’s order only. Those who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms should call their doctor and quarantine at home, or visit the HGH Emergency Department in the case of severe symptoms.

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.