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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 131 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, NINE ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of one more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 131.

Overall, 111 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, four were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, three 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 are reported as part of Humboldt County's total number of cases.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 92 total cases; 76 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, seven 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 815 tests, 90 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has two active cases.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County case 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 131 – A female child, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 130 cases, 118 have recovered, six are self-isolating, two are hospitalized and four have died; Humboldt County has nine active cases.

Tuesday, September 29, Governor Steve Sisolak increased limits on public gatherings, while continuing to urge caution in the wake of the state's COVID-19 response.

[Emergency Directive 033](#) raises the limit on gatherings from 50 to 250 people, or 50 percent of fire code

capacity, whichever number is less.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the expanded rules are a significant step toward revitalizing Nevada's hospitality industry. However, he reminded local residents that with greater freedom to gather also comes greater responsibility to protect against the COVID-19 virus.

"This is a positive step toward opening our doors more fully," said Dr. Stringham, "but it does not, by any means, mean the pandemic is ebbing—at least not yet."

In fact, the doctor said Nevada, including Humboldt County, is seeing a noticeable uptick in cases.

"We are not through the worst of it yet," he said, "and we still have a lot to learn."

Still, the doctor said we already know the things that prevent the virus's spread, including wearing a facial covering, distancing socially and washing hands frequently.

"As we continue to adhere to these three very important things," said Dr. Stringham, "we can take advantage of these expanded gathering opportunities and get back to some of the things we enjoy as families, communities and a state, safely, sensibly and responsibly."

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 has moved to the HGH West Campus, located at 51 E. Haskell Street. From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the clinic offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons with a doctor's order only. Those who are experiencing severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department.

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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