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## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 147 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 18 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 147.

Overall, 119 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, seven were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, eight 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 95 total cases; 78 were confirmed through the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, eight 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 880 tests, 90 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has five 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 147 – A man in his 20s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 146 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 145 cases, 125 have recovered, 16 are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 18 active cases.

This Thursday, October 15, local health officials are encouraging senior residents to get a flu vaccine as part of free drive-thru and walk-up flu shot clinics at the Pleasant Senior Center.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said it's highly likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading this fall and winter.

"While getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19," said Dr. Stringham, "the flu vaccine is known to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death. Plus it will help conserve potentially scarce healthcare resources."

Thursday, the drive-thru senior flu shot clinic will take place from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the senior center's drive-thru garage; a walk-up flu shot clinic will follow from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the center's back porch. All participants will receive the quadrivalent four-ingredient, preservative-free flu vaccine that is approved for people 65 years and older.

The vaccinations are provided by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health; Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman, RN, will oversee the distribution. All participants must wear a mask and bring their own pen to limit transmission of COVID-19.

Dr. Stringham said anyone can get the flu, but persons over the age of 65 are at greatest risk.

"The best precautions for seniors include getting a flu shot, wearing a mask, maintaining a proper social distance and being conscientious about hand washing," he said.

Persons with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms, should not get a flu vaccine until they have met the criteria to discontinue their isolation; this will help prevent any potential exposure to healthcare personnel and other participants to COVID-19.

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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