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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 207 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 25 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of four more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 207.

Overall, 157 of Humboldt County's cases were identified through Humboldt General Hospital, one was identified through community-based screening, 13 were identified through the Golden Valley Medical Center, 19 were identified through testing at the Ridley's Pharmacy, and 17 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 60 tests, with 58 negative and two results 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 is reporting 113 total cases; 97 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 1,428 tests, 108 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has four 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 207 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 206 – A man in his 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 205 – A woman in her 30s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 204 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 203 cases, 178 have recovered, 20 are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 25 active cases.

Monday, November 9, Pfizer announced its trial vaccine has shown to be at least 90 percent effective in fighting the coronavirus.

Pfizer is one of several vaccines that are now in phase 3 trials—a fact that Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham said is not only exciting but relieving.

“We want to stop the coronavirus,” said Dr. Stringham, “and the best way to do that is with a vaccine.”

Pfizer said an early analysis of its results showed that individuals who received two injections of the vaccine three weeks apart experienced more than 90 percent fewer cases of symptomatic COVID-19 than those who received a placebo.

Testing still continues, but if approved, the Pfizer vaccine—or others—could be widely available in the first half of 2021.

Per Nevada’s vaccination plan, the initial round of COVID-19 vaccinations in the state would be focused on the populations most at risk for contracting the virus, including healthcare workers, people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, and other essential workers. The general population would follow later.

Dr. Stringham said he is hopeful the vaccination process can be well underway by next year. Until then, he continued to urge local residents to continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash hands frequently.

“That’s what will get us through the coming fall and winter months,” he said, “until the time when we can confidently rely on a vaccine.”

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 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the clinic offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. 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.