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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 214 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 32 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of seven more positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 214.

Overall, 162 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 19 were confirmed out of area.

In addition, the Office of the Humboldt County Community Health Nurse has completed 65 tests. 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 114 total cases; 98 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 1,468 tests, 109 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 214 – A man in his 30s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 213 – A man in his 80s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 212 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 211 – A woman in her 30s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 210 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 209 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 208 – A man in his 60s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 207 cases, 178 have recovered, 24 are self-isolating, one is hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 32 active cases.

On Tuesday, November 10, Governor Steve Sisolak asked Nevadans to voluntarily stay at home for the next two weeks as COVID-19 cases spike statewide, warning that if numbers don't improve, he will be forced to take more drastic measures.

Governor Sisolak's "Stay at Home 2.0" order asks residents not to visit public locations unless absolutely necessary, not to gather with those outside of their households, and to choose curbside pickup at stores and restaurants.

The governor is also asking employees to telework as much as possible for the next two weeks and to host meetings virtually instead of in conference rooms.

"For the next two weeks, we must mimic our stay-at-home behaviors from this past spring," Sisolak said during the press conference. "If we do so, we believe we can begin to turn around things in two weeks without having to place increased restrictions on our businesses or our schools."

COVID-19 cases in Nevada have now climbed to a higher level than they reached during this summer's peak. State health officials have attributed the rising numbers of cases in recent weeks to high levels of community spread, fueled by what some are calling "COVID fatigue," or a growing tiredness with coronavirus health measures such as mask wearing and social distancing.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the attempt to slow down the virus's spread will only work if each resident agrees to invest in the strategy.

"This only works if we unify in our efforts," he said. "I am asking Humboldt County residents to take this two-week break ahead of the coming holidays to slow the spread, re-energize, and prepare for the final fight before we have 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.

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