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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 296 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 94 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 18 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county's total to 296.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe is reporting 140 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,173 tests, 126 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 13 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 296 – A woman in her 30s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 295 – A male child, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 294 – A woman in her 40s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 293 – A woman in her 50s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 292 – A man in his 40s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 291 – A man in his 30s, who is a close contact of a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 290 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 289 – A woman in her 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 288 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 287 – A man in his 20s, who had contact with a previously reported case. He is self-isolating at home.

- Case 286 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 285 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 284 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 283 – A man in his 50s, whose case remains under investigation. He is self-isolating at home.
- Case 282 – A woman in her 60s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 281 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 280 – A woman in her 20s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.
- Case 279 – A woman in her 40s, whose case remains under investigation. She is self-isolating at home.

Of the previous 278 cases, 198 have recovered, 73 are self-isolating, three are hospitalized, and four have died; Humboldt County has 94 active cases.

For many people, Thanksgiving means gathering around a table with family and friends, enjoying food and the company of the people who mean the most to them.

This year, however, the holidays won't quite be the same. The COVID-19 pandemic is still very much a reality, and unfortunately there's no immediate end in sight.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, "I understand that few things seem more appealing right now than taking a break from social distancing, taking off our masks and sharing a Thanksgiving meal with loved ones, but we must continue to make safety a priority."

Dr. Stringham continued, "Right now, large gatherings are simply not safe, even with family and friends. But that doesn't mean you can't have an enjoyable, scaled-down Thanksgiving while still taking measures to be safe."

The doctor reminded residents that Governor Steve Sisolak's "statewide pause" calls for private gatherings of 10 or less from no more than two households. Additionally, he suggested residents review [guidelines for a safe Thanksgiving](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Stringham acknowledged that the holiday may be filled with some disappointment due to the current circumstances surrounding the escalating COVID-19 virus.

"But try to focus on the bigger picture," he said. "We are exercising caution because we do care for our loved ones and we do want them to be safe. Next year, we'll hope for better circumstances, but for now, we can do what's in our power to make things better."

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](#).

COVID-19 testing locations in Humboldt County include:

- **Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic** - Offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital. Call the posted number and then wait for assistance.
- **Golden Valley Medical Center** - Private clinic owned by Nevada Gold offers screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Call (775) 625-4653 for an appointment.
- **Ridley's Pharmacy** - Offers in-vehicle, self-administered asymptomatic and symptomatic testing. Go [here](#) and follow the prompts to schedule an appointment.
- **HGH Emergency Department** - Those who experience severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department, which is open 24 hours a day, or call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

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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