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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 752 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 276 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 15 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 752.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 171 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,495 tests, 158 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has 12 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 #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
752	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
751	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
750	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
749	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
748	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
747	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
746	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
745	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
744	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
743	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
742	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
741	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
740	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
739	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
738	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 737 cases, 467 have recovered, 254 are self-isolating, seven are hospitalized locally, and nine have died; Humboldt County has 276 active cases.

As the risk for COVID-19 transmission continues to increase, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, is encouraging residents to avoid attending or hosting holiday celebrations with those not of the same household.

“Traditionally, the winter holidays are a time when families and others come together, often traveling long distances to be together,” said Dr. Stringham. “However, in-person gatherings that bring friends and family from different households and from different areas together increases the risk of COVID-19 spread.”

Dr. Stringham urged local residents to protect loved ones by gathering with members of the same household, and connecting with friends and family outside of the home in a non-contact setting, such as through video chat or phone.

“Small gatherings of friends and family have contributed greatly to the increase of COVID-19 cases in Humboldt County,” said Dr. Stringham. “Avoiding gatherings protects you, your family, your friends, and your community.”

Dr. Stringham said this is especially important for persons who are more at risk for complications of COVID-19 such as those older than 65 years and those with underlying health conditions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests lower risk activities for the holidays including:

- Have dinner only with those within your household;
- Gather virtually with those outside your household to eat, open gifts together or make holiday crafts, decorate cookies, or build gingerbread houses;
- Decorate for the season and take family photos together at home;
- Find virtual opportunities to volunteer and to help others in need; and
- Share gifts and holiday crafts with friends, family members, and neighbors through contactless delivery.

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 persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch), and by-appointment screening with a provider for symptomatic persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch; call 775-623-5222, ext. 1379 to schedule an appointment). Located at 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital.
- **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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