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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 802 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 324 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has been notified of 21 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 802.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 175 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,552 tests, 165 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has nine 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
802	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
801	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
800	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
799	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
798	Woman	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
797	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
796	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
795	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
794	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
793	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
792	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
791	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
790	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
789	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
788	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
787	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
786	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
785	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
784	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
783	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
782	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 781 cases, 467 have recovered, 297 are self-isolating, six are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 324 active cases.

The state as a whole continues to report a steady stream of deaths and hospitalizations due to COVID-19. As of today, 1,885 total patients are hospitalized, along with record use of ICU rooms and ventilators.

While the Nevada Hospital Association reports that peaks associated with Thanksgiving and Family Day are now subsiding, officials are bracing for the impact of Christmas and New Year’s celebrations—peaks that could overwhelm the state’s hospitals.

With the most recent surge, more than half of the state’s hospital beds were occupied with COVID patients; a greater surge could see that percentage rise dramatically.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said local residents must remain diligent in wearing masks, distancing socially and supporting stay at home initiatives during the coming weeks so hospital facilities do not get overwhelmed

“We will see our numbers rise again, which means the possibility of being infected will rise in our community, along with the possibility of needing medical care,” he said.

“The most intelligent thing we can do is keep our hospitals resilient by doing the right things, not just for COVID patients, but for non-COVID patients who may need emergency care.”

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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