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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 815 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 337 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of two more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 815.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 175 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,572 tests, 167 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has seven 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
817	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
816	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 813 cases, 467 have recovered, 330 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 337 active cases.

State officials have confirmed that COVID-19 is the leading cause of death in Nevada for the month of December.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, more than 3,000 people in Nevada have died from coronavirus. In December alone, 697 people have died from COVID-19, including six Humboldt County residents.

Nearly 20 percent of COVID-19 tests are coming back positive, according to the two-week test positivity trend, and Nevada’s test positivity rate remained the second-highest in the country as of last week, according to the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said it’s still too soon to know what impact the holidays will have on state and local numbers.

Dr. Stringham said there may be an increase in testing numbers within the next week if people chose not to seek testing over the holiday, or because testing was limited over the holiday weekend.

He said holidays are similar to weekends and other holidays, where testing and reporting tend to go down, then catch up a few days later.

Still, the doctor said he is hopeful local residents did their part to keep the local caseload down.

“Our numbers will mirror our behaviors,” he said. “I am hopeful that local residents did what they could to keep numbers low over the Christmas holiday, and I hope those same good precautions will take place over this coming weekend.”

Dr. Stringham added, “It would be amazing to welcome the New Year with a downward trend in coronavirus cases.”

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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