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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 839 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 361 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 839.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 178 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,591 tests, 169 people have recovered, one person has died, and the tribe has eight 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
839	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
838	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
837	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
836	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
835	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
834	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
833	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
832	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
831	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
830	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
829	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
828	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
827	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
826	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
825	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
824	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
823	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
822	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
821	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
820	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
819	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 818 cases, 467 have recovered, 335 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 361 active cases.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he gets a lot of questions asking why the state, the nation and the world are taking COVID-19 so seriously when most people’s infection only results in a mild illness.

Dr. Stringham said while it is true that not all people are at risk for a severe case of the virus, “all of us are at risk for contracting the virus and then spreading it to others—maybe without every realizing we’re sick,” he said.

Dr. Stringham continued, “As a community we have taken steps to slow the spread of the virus. Now, we must continue to take personal responsibility to protect ourselves and our loved ones.”

Dr. Stringham said the virus kills about 2 percent of the people it infects, but hospitals are filled with those who are severely ill—and who may see long-term repercussions from the virus over the coming months and years.

“To do your part to protect those around you, and to keep our hospital resilient, wear a mask and maintain an appropriate distance from anyone not of your same household,” he said.

“These things may seem small and insignificant, but for a vulnerable person who may become severely ill, it may mean the difference between health, or hospitalization and even death.”

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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