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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 920 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS, 442 ACTIVE CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of 19 more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the county’s total to 920.

The Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe reports 190 positive cases. In all, Fort McDermitt has completed 2,680 tests, 177 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
920	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
919	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
918	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
917	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
916	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
915	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
914	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
913	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
912	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
911	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
910	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
909	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
908	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
907	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
906	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
905	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
904	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
903	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
902	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Of the previous 901 cases, 467 have recovered, 417 are self-isolating, five are hospitalized locally, and 11 have died; Humboldt County has 442 active cases.

This week, Governor Steve Sisolak is expected to address the statewide “pause” that was put into effect last month.

The measure, which is aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19, has reduced capacity at businesses as well as reduced the size of public gatherings to 50 and private gatherings to 10.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the “pause” has been needed to help slow the virus so that hospital systems can continue to provide the care their communities need.

“While COVID kills a small percentage of those who contract it, the real danger lies in hospitals being so overwhelmed with infected patients that their capacity becomes limited,” said the doctor.

Dr. Stringham said infected patients can also spread the disease to hospital staff, who then have to self-isolate at home, further reducing needed staff.

While it’s not clear what Governor Sisolak will recommend as the current “pause” comes to a close on January 15, Dr. Stringham said the most important contribution community members can make is to not get infected.

“When we do the right things, we are not only helping ourselves, we are helping our hospital systems to remain robust and ready to meet our community members’ needs,” he said.

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.

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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