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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS 12<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 DEATH

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its 12<sup>th</sup> death from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said, the woman, who was in her 60s, died at home on January 17, after being hospitalized for COVID-19. She was one of Humboldt County's previously confirmed cases.

"We are so sad to share this news, that another Humboldt County resident has passed as a result of COVID," said Dr. Stringham.

"We offer the family and friends of the deceased our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. We hope they will find peace and comfort during this very difficult time."

Dr. Stringham said it's normal for local residents—even those who did not know the deceased—to experience a range of emotional reactions at the announcement of another COVID-19 death in the community, including sadness, frustration, a sense of grief and feelings of helplessness.

"For many, news of this death, may also contribute to a diminished sense of confidence in the precautions we've put in place," he said. "Those feelings are normal."

Still, Dr. Stringham asked local residents to continue to express their faith in those precautions, including the guidance to avoid gathering with non-household members.

"Even when we do the right things, people may still get sick and sadly, people may still die. But the best thing we can do in the memory of our lost community members is continue to move forward; doing the right things does make a difference."

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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