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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS EIGHT NEW CASES, 1006 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of eight more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the overall total to 1006.

The Fort McDermitt Wellness Center reports 201 positive cases, 194 recoveries and six active cases. In all, the wellness center has completed 2,816 tests, and one member of the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe has died.

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
1006	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1005	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
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1003	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1002	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1001	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1000	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
999	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

Three COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized locally and 12 have died. Humboldt County is currently conducting an audit of positive cases from all testing entities. Until that process is complete, updated recovery and active case numbers will not be available.

Medical researchers in southern Nevada announced today they have identified Nevada’s first known case of a COVID-19 variant.

The new strain, called B.1.1.7, was found in a sample that was initially tested at the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory.

The sample was collected during a routine community COVID-19 screening. The Clark County woman who tested positive is in her 30s with no travel history and limited contact with people outside her household; she is currently isolating at home.

The sample was sent to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory for sequencing and confirmation.

The B.1.1.7 strain first appeared in the United Kingdom last fall. It is considered much more contagious than the previously identified strain of the virus, though researchers have not determined if it causes a more severe illness.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said as more reports of the B.1.1.7 strain were reported throughout the United States, it was just a matter of time before the strain appeared in Nevada.

Still, the doctor said there is no need to fear as long as residents continue to practice the same precautions.

“While the new strain is much more infectious than the more-prevalent strain in Nevada, the same things will keep us safe,” said Dr. Stringham.

“We must continue to wear masks in public and maintain an appropriate distance when around others, stay home as much as possible, avoid large gatherings, and practice good hand hygiene.”

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.

Humboldt County has established a COVID-19 vaccine recorded information line. Call (775) 375-3200 to hear the latest about vaccine allocations, local distribution opportunities and changes as they occur. The line will be updated with new information every Monday and Thursday, or as needed.

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