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HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS NINE NEW CASES, 1022 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County has been notified of nine more positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), raising the overall total to 1022.

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
1022	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1021	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1020	Male	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1019	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1018	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1017	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1016	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1015	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1014	Woman	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

No COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized locally and 13 county residents have died. Humboldt County has at least 29 active cases, although multiple testing sites, hospitalizations and other factors make it difficult to provide an exact number.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued an extensive federal public health order that requires travelers to wear masks over their mouth and nose on nearly all forms of public transportation and private ride-sharing services.

The rule, which takes effect at midnight Monday, February 1, applies to passengers on airplanes, trains, subways, buses, taxis and ride-shares, although airlines have already required masks.

The order exempts children under 2 years of age and people with a disability that makes it unsafe to wear a mask. Transportation operators will be allowed to require medical documentation.

The mandate also allows individuals to lower masks “while eating, drinking, or taking medication, for brief periods,” and for communicating with a person who is hearing impaired.

Refusal to wear a mask will be considered a violation of federal law.

Humboldt County Health Officer said the mask mandate is a very proactive step toward curbing the spread of coronavirus across the United States.

“We know that consistent and universal use of masks will greatly help reduce the spread of COVID-19,” he said.

The doctor said the mask mandate should also open up more travel options since more Americans will feel secure with more widespread protections.

“When we think about masks, we tend to think of restriction,” said Dr. Stringham, “but it’s actually just the opposite: as we consistently and universally don masks, our options open up because everyone experiences a greater level of protection.”

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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