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HUMBOLDT COUNTY DROPS FROM STATE’S FLAGGED LIST, REPORTS 1046 TOTAL CONFIRMATIONS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—Humboldt County is no longer flagged for elevated disease transmission by the State of Nevada.

State Policy Analyst Meagan Werth Ranson shared that good news on Monday, February 15. Previous to this week’s announcement, Humboldt County had been flagged for 13 consecutive weeks.

While Humboldt County continues to have a slightly higher than desired case rate over the past 30 days (211; the goal is less than 200), the county’s average number of tests per 100,000 (230) remain strong, and the test positivity rate has declined from almost 40 percent two months ago to just 4 percent Monday.

“We are thrilled with this decline,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, “and we are thrilled with the number of people who have been vaccinated against the virus.”

Dr. Stringham added that with warmer weather on the way and no major holidays in sight, “I think the worst of the pandemic is behind us; I think we can look forward to better times ahead.”

Humboldt General Hospital’s computer system has been down since late last week, so rapid results from the HGH Screening Clinic and the hospital’s in-house testing are not currently available; however, the state has notified Humboldt County of six more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1046.

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
1046	Man	80s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1045	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1044	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

1043	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
Case #	Gender	Age Range	Contact	Status
1042	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1041	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

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

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Humboldt County:

- Wear a mask around anyone not of the same household.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from non-household members 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.
- Self-isolate following a known exposure, or while waiting for COVID-19 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 is updated with new information every Monday and Thursday (not including holidays), or as needed.

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