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## **STATE, LOCAL NUMBERS CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND; HUMBOLDT REPORTS SEVEN NEW CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—COVID-19 case numbers across Nevada and in Humboldt County are continuing their downward descent.

Wednesday, the state released its most current numbers, citing a 14-day rolling average of just 335 daily cases and an 8.6 percent test positivity rate. Compare that to the state's previous high case rate of 2,716 on December 11 with a more than 20 percent test positivity rate.

Humboldt's numbers continue to be equally reassuring, coming down from an average of approximately 2,500 daily cases and a 40 percent positivity rate in late December, to an average of 123 cases today and a 2.3 percent test positivity rate.

Compared to other states, Nevada has the fourth lowest caseload (daily average cases over the past 7 days per 100,000 residents) in the nation. In all, cases across the state have declined 55 percent in the past two weeks.

The Nevada Hospital Association reports a similar downward trend in hospitalizations and, while deaths tend to lag behind hospitalizations, they too are declining.

Not only that, but the good news locally is that schools will fully reopen beginning March 8 and the "fall" sports season has already begun.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said he is relieved to see the dramatic increases from the past three months begin to calm. "We're not quite free and clear yet," said Dr. Stringham, "but all the signs indicate that we are heading in the right direction."

Dr. Stringham urged local residents to continue to wear masks and distance socially. "This is like taking antibiotics. You might begin to feel a lot better right away, but you need to finish the whole course in order to kick the infection," he said. "The same is true here: let's finish this course."

Humboldt County has been notified of seven more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1067. In all, the county has 1033 recovered cases and 21 active cases. One COVID-19 patient is currently hospitalized locally with both COVID and influenza and 13 county residents have died.

Pamela Johnson DNP, MSN-APRN, FNP-BC, with the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, is reporting 210 total cases, 207 recovered cases, three active cases and one death. The center has completed 3,150 tests. Fort McDermitt has chosen to report separately from Humboldt County.

Based on available information, close contacts of the newest Humboldt County cases are being 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
1067	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1066	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1065	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1064	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1063	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1062	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1061	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

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 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (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 serving Nevada Gold Mines 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](#), at [www.hcnv.us](http://www.hcnv.us) and at [The Humboldt County Report](#).

Humboldt County has established a COVID-19 vaccine recorded information line in both English and Spanish. 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.

Humboldt County has a supply of personal protective equipment, including facial masks and hand sanitizer, available to local businesses. To request supplies, businesses should call the Humboldt County Comptroller's office at (775) 623-6467.

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