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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONTINUES DOWNWARD TREND, REPORTS FIVE NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham is asking the community to stay the course to keep local COVID-19 numbers trending downward.

“This is our opportunity to put this fire out,” Dr. Stringham told members of the Humboldt County Health Board Thursday, March 18, during their regularly scheduled meeting.

“The weather is warming up, activities are moving outdoors, no major holidays are in sight and our vaccinations are going fantastically,” he said. “Our total threat is lower than it ever has been.”

So far in March, Humboldt County has confirmed a total of 11 COVID-19 cases, or an average of a little more than one case every two days. In comparison, January saw 200 cases and February saw 54.

“We are seeing an overall decline,” said Dr. Stringham, “and we are excited to see that continue with continued mask wearing, social distancing and good hand hygiene.”

Also during Thursday’s meeting, hospital officials reported declining testing and hospitalization numbers; school district officials also announced that for the first time since last fall, no district students or staff have been diagnosed or even quarantined with the virus.

Humboldt County has been notified of five more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1078. In all, the county has 1058 recovered cases and seven active cases. One COVID-19 patient is currently hospitalized locally and 13 county residents have died.

Pamela Johnson DNP, MSN-APRN, FNP-BC, with the Fort McDermitt Wellness Center, is reporting 210 total cases, 210 recovered cases, no active cases and one death. The center has completed 3,200 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
1078	Man	70s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1077	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1076	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Hospitalized
1075	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1074	Woman	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 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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