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COVID-19 VACCINES NOW OPEN TO ALL 16 AND OLDER; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS 11 NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Beginning Monday, April 5, all Nevadans 16 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for use in those 18 and older while the Pfizer vaccine can be used on those 16 and older. Clinical trials are underway to test the effectiveness of the vaccine in kids, including a study by Moderna looking at those aged six months to less than 12 years.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said all three vaccines are equally effective at preventing hospitalizations and death.

“If you’re wondering which one is best for you, it’s the one being offered to you,” said Dr. Stringham. “Take advantage of the opportunity to get vaccinated.”

Humboldt County opened its eligibility to all residents age 18 and older nearly a month ahead of the state. Dr. Stringham said even as vaccine eligibility expands, not everyone who wants the vaccine will immediately be able to get it because of the fixed supply the state receives each week; still, he urged county residents to remain patient and vigilant.

“With this opening, we are seeing availability expand, so we are asking residents to remain watchful and ready to get vaccinated when the opportunity presents itself.”

As of Monday, more than 1 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered across Nevada; in Humboldt County, more than 23 percent of residents have started the vaccination process (30 percent of those 16 years and older); just under 13 percent have completed the vaccination process.

Those who have yet to begin the COVID-19 vaccination process may contact the Community Health Office at (775) 623-6575, or may schedule online at [Humboldt General Hospital](#) or [Walmart Pharmacy](#). More information is available by calling the COVID-19 recorded vaccine information line at (775) 375-3200 or by emailing vaccine@humboldtcountynv.gov.

Humboldt County has been notified of 11 more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1110. In all, the county has 1071 recovered cases and 26 active cases. No COVID-19 patients are 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 3,227 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
1110	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1109	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1108	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1107	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1106	Female	Teen	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1105	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1104	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1103	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1102	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1101	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1100	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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