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J&J VACCINE SUSPENDED FOR NOW; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS FIVE NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— This morning, Nevada announced that it will pause the use of the Janssen—also referred to as the J&J—COVID-19 vaccine.

The state is following recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to suspend use of the vaccine while reports of six serious reactions are investigated.

Two Mobile Vaccination Units that are traveling Nevada’s rural and frontier regions have been using the J&J vaccine since last week. One of those units is scheduled for a two-day vaccination clinic on Sunday and Monday, April 18-19, in Winnemucca.

State officials have confirmed that clinic will now offer the Pfizer vaccine to community residents age 16 and older; the mobile unit will return after 21 days to offer the second dose.

The CDC has stated that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will meet on Wednesday, April 14, to review the six J&J cases. None of the cases are located in Nevada.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said local residents should be confident in the process and work being done to ensure the vaccines are safe and effective. “These are rare but serious reactions and will be thoroughly reviewed,” he said.

In the meantime, Dr. Stringham encouraged Humboldt County residents to continue to take the opportunity to be vaccinated.

“The Moderna vaccine remains very available in this community and the Pfizer vaccine is an excellent choice for our Mobile Vaccination Clinic. I urge residents to protect themselves and their loved ones by getting inoculated.”

As of Monday, April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the United States. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health provider.

Humboldt County has been notified of five more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1122. In all, the county has 1088 recovered cases and 21 active cases. One COVID-19 patient is currently hospitalized locally and 13 county residents have died.

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
1122	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1121	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1120	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1119	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1118	Woman	20s	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. Information is also available by emailing vaccine@humboldtcountynv.gov.

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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