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GOVERNMENT LIFTS JANSSEN PAUSE; HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPORTS SEVEN NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have lifted the pause on the one-shot Janssen COVID-19 vaccine that was under review for rare but serious reactions.

The State of Nevada said it will follow federal agencies' recommendation; the Nevada State Immunization Program has begun notifying its vaccine partners to resume use of the Janssen vaccine doses in their inventory.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the decision means all three vaccines—Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen, also referred to as Johnson & Johnson—are once again available to Nevada residents.

“People ask me which one is best,” he said, “and my answer is the best vaccine is the one about to go into your arm. All three work extremely well to protect against severe disease, hospitalization and death.”

Plus, Dr. Stringham said every vaccination not only benefits the individual but society as a whole by lowering the overall spread of the disease.

“Beyond that, there are small trade-offs when it comes to the current vaccines,” said Dr. Stringham.

In general, the doctor said Moderna and Pfizer require two doses and are somewhat more effective. Johnson & Johnson requires one dose and is somewhat less likely to cause side effects. Plus, he said the J&J “one and done” aspect is a selling point for many.

People who have received the Janssen vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their healthcare provider.

Humboldt County has been notified of seven more positive cases of COVID-19. In addition, one case was removed from the county, raising the overall total to 1168. In all, the county has 1128 recovered cases and 27 active cases. Two COVID-19 patients are 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
1169	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Hospitalized
1168	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1167	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1166	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1165	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1164	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1163	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. 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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