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NO MASKS REQUIRED FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE; HUMBOLDT REPORTS NINE NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced Thursday that it's [easing its indoor mask-wearing guidance](#) for fully vaccinated people.

The updated guidelines, which were immediately adopted by the State of Nevada, state that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no longer need to wear face coverings indoors or outdoors.

The agency still recommends masks for public transportation, like planes, trains and buses. In addition, healthcare facilities will continue to follow their own infection control recommendations.

“But for anyone who is fully vaccinated, masks and social distancing are no longer required to participate in indoor and outdoor activities, large or small,” said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD.

“If you are fully vaccinated, the world just got a lot brighter and bigger,” he added. “Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask to curb the risk of falling ill with COVID-19 or spreading the virus to others.”

Dr. Stringham said the last year has shown the virus is unpredictable, “so if things get worse, there’s always a chance we may need to walk back this guidance,” he said, “but we know the more people who are vaccinated, the less chance there is of a new spike or of the emergence of additional variants.”

Fully vaccinated individuals are classified as those two weeks out from either their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Humboldt County has been notified of nine more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1187. In all, the county has 1162 recovered cases and 11 active cases. No COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized locally and 14 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
1187	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1186	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1185	Female	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1184	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1183	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1182	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1181	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1180	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1179	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

The following vaccination opportunities are available to Humboldt County residents:

- **The Community Health Nurse** is hosting a rural vaccination clinic at the Orovada Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27; second dose will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29. The one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will also be available. This is a first-come, first-served clinic; no pre-registration is required.
- **Humboldt General Hospital** offers a vaccination clinic for Humboldt County residents age 18 and older on Wednesdays in the Sarah Winnemucca Conference Room at the hospital. Participants will receive the two-dose Moderna vaccine. For more information or to register, please call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379.
- **The Walmart Pharmacy** in Winnemucca is offering COVID-19 vaccines to all individuals age 18 and older. Participants will receive the two-dose Moderna vaccine. Visit [Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine](https://www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine) and follow the prompts to view available appointments.
- **The Community Health Nurse** is offering vaccination appointments for Humboldt County residents age 18 and older. Vaccine type depends on availability. Please call (775) 623-6575 to schedule.

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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