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## **UPDATED COUNTY MASK GUIDANCE; HUMBOLDT REPORTS SIX NEW CASES**

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that it has eased its 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.

With regard to the updated mask mandates, Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, shared the following reminders for Humboldt County.

- Businesses and organizations, including churches, in Humboldt County may continue to require all patrons to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Those who are not vaccinated should continue to wear masks indoors and outdoors when they cannot avoid close contact with others.
- For the remainder of the school year, all Humboldt County School District students and staff will continue to wear masks in school buildings and while traveling in district vehicles and buses. Effective immediately, students and staff may remove masks any time they are outside a school building; however, the mask must be reapplied when entering any school building.
- The updated CDC mask guidelines do not apply to hospitals and healthcare facilities. All local residents must wear a mask while on the Humboldt General Hospital campus.
- The CDC's definition of "fully vaccinated" is two weeks following the final COVID-19 vaccine dose, which is the first dose for Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) and the second dose for Moderna and Pfizer.
- The Pfizer vaccine is now available for youth ages 12 to 18. Please call the Office of the Community Health Nurse at (775) 623-6575 to schedule an appointment.

"We are asking people to be honest with regard to masks," said Dr. Stringham. "If you have not been fully vaccinated, please do not remove your mask in public, possibly exposing others to the virus. I am asking that all residents act with integrity with regard to their vaccination status."

Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall total to 1193. In all, the county has 1166 recovered cases and 13 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
1193	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1192	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1191	Male	Child	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1190	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1189	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1188	Man	50s	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 Moderna second-dose vaccinations for Humboldt County residents age 18 and older on Wednesdays in the Sarah Winnemucca Conference Room at the hospital. For more information or to register, please call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379.
- **Ridley's Pharmacy** is offering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to Humboldt County residents age 18 and older. Visit [app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=22007397](http://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=22007397) and follow the prompts to schedule the vaccine at the Winnemucca store.
- **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](http://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](http://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@humboldtcountynev.gov](mailto:vaccine@humboldtcountynev.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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