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HOSPITALIZED LARGELY UNVACCINATED; COUNTY REPORTS SIX NEW, ONE TRANSFERRED CASE

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Hospital systems across the nation are reporting that people hospitalized with COVID-19 have one distinct thing in common: They are not vaccinated.

According to data released this week by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the overwhelming majority of those getting sick and being hospitalized are unvaccinated, while vaccinated patients are becoming rare.

Hospitals in states with the lowest vaccination rates have the highest percentage of COVID-19 patients in intensive care units, while states with the highest vaccination rates have the lowest.

The numbers are no coincidence, according to Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD.

“Vaccination works,” he said. “It prevents severe COVID illness, hospitalization and death.”

Dr. Stringham said there are multiple reasons why people aren’t yet vaccinated.

“Some are hesitant because they have questions or they have fallen prey to misinformation; some are opposed due to anti-government or anti-science sentiments,” he said.

Dr. Stringham said he is happy to answer questions and share solid information with any who are willing.

“We have plenty of vaccines available in our community, they are free and they are a solid ‘known’ in a sea of unknowns regarding this virus,” he said. “We know that the COVID-19 vaccine can provide exceptional protection to this virus.”

Current vaccination opportunities are available at the local Walmart and Ridley’s Pharmacies as well as the Office of the Community Health Nurse.

Humboldt County has been notified of six more positive cases of COVID-19; in addition, one previously confirmed case has been transferred to Humboldt County, raising the overall cumulative total to 1216. In all, the county has 1193 recovered cases and nine active cases. One COVID-19 patient is 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
1216	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1215	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1214	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1213	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1212	Man	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1211	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1210	Woman	30s	Previously confirmed case	Recovered

The following vaccination opportunities are available to Humboldt County residents:

- **Ridley's Pharmacy** is offering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to all individuals age 18 and older. Visit 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 12 and older. Vaccine type depends on age and availability. Visit Walmart.com/COVIDvaccine and follow the prompts to view available appointments.
- **The Community Health Nurse** is offering vaccination appointments to all individuals age 12 and older. Vaccine type depends on age and 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 Friday (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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