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NOW IS THE TIME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE VACCINATED; COUNTY REPORTS EIGHT NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Parents who would like their youth to be fully vaccinated before the new school year starts should act now.

In Humboldt County, the first day of classes for the 2021-2022 school year is Monday, August 30. It takes five weeks to be fully vaccinated with Pfizer's vaccine, the only one authorized for adolescents ages 12 to 17.

Pfizer's vaccine is given in two doses spaced three weeks apart. After the second dose, it takes two weeks until someone is considered fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It's a process of 35 days," said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, "just a little over a month to ensure that youth ages 12 to 17 are fully vaccinated—something I would highly recommend with fall and colder weather coming."

High school and college youth ages 18 and older may receive any of the three available vaccines, including Pfizer, Moderna or J&J (Janssen). Parents should note that the two-dose Moderna vaccine is spaced four weeks apart; all vaccines require a two-week waiting period before persons are considered fully vaccinated.

Dr. Stringham acknowledged that a relatively new vaccine might make parents nervous, but the risk of COVID-19 should make them much more nervous.

"People think that doing nothing is not a decision," he said, "but not vaccinating your child is a decision, and it's a decision that puts them at risk."

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 eight more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall cumulative total to 1227. In all, the county has 1205 recovered and eight 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
1227	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1226	Woman	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1225	Man	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1224	Woman	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1223	Woman	40s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1222	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Hospitalized
1221	Man	30s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1220	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Hospitalized

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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