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UPDATE ON COVID-19 EFFORTS STATEWIDE; COUNTY REPORTS FOUR NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — All of Nevada’s COVID metrics continue to rise as the state deals with the newly arrived delta variant.

One month ago on June 9, Nevada’s 14-day positivity rate hit an all-time low of 3.3 percent; today the state is reporting a 14-day positivity of 8.2%.

The state has also been experiencing a significant increase in COVID hospitalizations, although thankfully that has not yet been accompanied by rising deaths.

According to the Nevada Hospital Association, the majority of hospitalized patients are reportedly unvaccinated.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said cases and hospitalizations are lowest in counties with the highest vaccination rates. “This continues to be a sign that vaccinations are working to prevent spread and severe illness,” he said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has classified delta as a variant of concern based on its increased transmissibility caused by mutations on the spike proteins which bind to human cells.

“The best way to protect against COVID-19, especially the delta variant, is to get vaccinated,” said Dr. Stringham. “If you are getting vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, it’s critical to complete both doses.”

Dr. Stringham said the second dose offers nearly double the protection against delta. However, all three vaccines available in the U.S.—Pfizer, Moderna and J&J (Janssen)—show significant protection against the variant strains.

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 four more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall cumulative total to 1231. In all, the county has 1208 recovered 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
1231	Woman	60s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1230	Man	50s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1229	Man	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating
1228	Woman	20s	Investigation in progress	Self-isolating

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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