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STATEWIDE, COUNTY VACCINATION PROGRESSES; COUNTY REPORTS 12 NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — Nevada is seeing great progress in its vaccination efforts.

Nevada has risen ahead of the U.S. vaccine first dose trends with 2 percent of eligible Nevadans receiving their first dose last week, which is higher than the national average of 1.5 percent.

In Humboldt County, about 1 percent of eligible residents received their first dose last week. In all, 40 percent of eligible residents (age 12 and older) have initiated vaccination.

Since Governor Steve Sisolak's announcement of [Vax Nevada Days](#), the state has seen an overall 32 percent increase in initiated vaccinations, with 12- to 17-year-old youth having the greatest vaccination rate increase at 42 percent.

Locally, Humboldt County Health Nurse Marsha Foreman is hoping to continue efforts to vaccinate youth ages 12 to 17 as part of a ["Back to School" immunization clinic](#) scheduled for August 12; youth will return September 2 to receive their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Interested parents may call the Community Health Office at (775) 623-6575 to schedule that vaccine or any other needed inoculations for children ages preschool through 12th grade.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, says vaccinating more Nevadans won't immediately stamp out the current cases.

"It will take time to see the impact of vaccination," he said, "but it is an investment in the future health of Nevadans and especially the residents of Humboldt County."

According to state statisticians, while Nevada has experienced an increase above the national average in vaccine first dose trends, at the current rate it will take until December 2021 to vaccinate 70 percent of Nevadans—achieving what is commonly referred to as "herd immunity."

"I'm hopeful we don't have to wait until December to reach 70 percent or higher," said Dr. Stringham, adding that the county will continue to aggressively support vaccination for anyone 12 years and older.

“We have ample scientific evidence now to prove that vaccination works: it prevents severe illness, hospitalization and death,” he said. “We must advocate for the safety and well-being of our residents.”

Humboldt County has been notified of 12 more positive cases of COVID-19. One previous case was re-assigned to a different jurisdiction, leaving the overall cumulative total at 1242. In all, the county has 1214 recovered and 14 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
1242	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1241	Male	Teen	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1240	Man	60s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1239	Man	50s	Under investigation	Hospitalized
1238	Man	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1237	Woman	20s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1236	Man	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1235	Man	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1234	Woman	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1233	Female	Child	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1232	Male	Teen	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1231	Man	20s	Under investigation	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](https://twitter.com/CovidEspanol). Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information are available in English at [@HumboldtCountyNV](https://twitter.com/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@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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