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COUNTY'S CASE CONFIRMATIONS RISING FAST; HUMBOLDT REPORTS 21 NEW CASES

WINNEMUCCA, Nev. — It's been more than a year now since Humboldt County has been tracking COVID-19 confirmations and the comparisons between 2020 and 2021 show a virus that doesn't appear to be slowing down.

In June 2020, Humboldt County reported six new cases of COVID-19 versus 19 in June 2021. In July 2020, the county reported 13 new cases, compared to 33 this year.

And in August 2020, Humboldt reported 15 new cases—a number the county quickly surpassed in just the first three days of August 2021. Through August 5 this year, 20 new cases have already been confirmed.

"These numbers support what we've been saying all along," said Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD. "As the virus mutates, it gets stronger, and the only way to stop that process is to get vaccinated."

Unfortunately, a new [poll from *The Economist* and YouGov](#) shows most people live in a "vaccination bubble." In other words, if they are not vaccinated, neither are their friends and associates.

The poll shows that among those who are resistant to receiving the vaccine, a majority have either few (45%) or no (8%) friends who have been vaccinated. In addition, more than a third of those who aren't sure whether they will be vaccinated (37%) say they simply don't know the vaccination status of those close to them.

"This can have devastating consequences," said Dr. Stringham, "because we the one thing that usually changes a person's anti-vaccine mindset is to have a family member or friend fall seriously ill or die from COVID-19, and then, it's too late to save their loved one."

Dr. Stringham asked local residents to educate themselves regarding the importance of getting vaccinated, not only to protect themselves and their loved ones, but to prevent future mutations of the virus.

“We now have evidence from millions of people who have been vaccinated, and millions more unvaccinated who are suffering severe consequences for not receiving the vaccine,” he said. “I am pleading with you to educate yourselves and then educate those around you.”

Humboldt County has been notified of 21 more positive cases of COVID-19, raising the overall cumulative total to 1276. In all, the county has 1233 recovered and 29 active cases. Two local people have been hospitalized and released this week; no COVID-19 patients remain hospitalized. In all, 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
1276	Woman	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1275	Man	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1274	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1273	Woman	20s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1272	Woman	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1271	Man	50s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1270	Woman	20s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1269	Woman	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1268	Male	Child	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1267	Female	Child	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1266	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1265	Male	Teen	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1264	Woman	40s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1263	Male	Teen	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1262	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1261	Woman	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1260	Male	Child	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1259	Male	Child	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1258	Man	30s	Under investigation	Self-isolating
1257	Woman	60s	Under investigation	Past Hospitalization*
1256	Man	30s	Under investigation	Past Hospitalization*

*Past hospitalization means the person was hospitalized sometime during the past week (since the previous reporting period) but has since been released and is 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](https://www.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.
- **Humboldt County Community Health** will host a [“Back to School” immunization clinic](#) on Thursday, 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.

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@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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