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HUMBOLDT COUNTY CONFIRMS 24th and 25th COVID-19 DEATHS

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— Humboldt County has confirmed its 24th and 25th deaths from COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Charles Stringham, MD, said the two men, one in his 70s and the other in his 60s, died at Humboldt General Hospital after becoming severely ill. Both were previously confirmed Humboldt County cases.

Dr. Stringham shared his condolences with the families and friends of the two men. "We lost both of these men in their golden years—in the time they have likely looked forward to their whole lives."

"We hope those they have left behind will find comfort and healing in the days ahead."

The doctor said he hopes residents will recognize the toll the virus can take.

"People tell me how healthy they are and how they won't be affected by contracting the virus," he said. "But what they don't understand is that while they may weather the virus, they will pass it to others, and eventually that infection will reach someone who isn't as healthy—and it can take their life."

Dr. Stringham said he continues to urge all eligible residents to get fully vaccinated with the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. The vaccines are designed to protect against severe illness and death.

The doctor also continues to recommend that unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals wear masks while indoors or while in crowded outdoor settings.

The following vaccination opportunities are available to Humboldt County residents:

- **Ridley's Pharmacy** in Winnemucca is offering the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to Humboldt County residents age 18 and older. No appointment is necessary; drop by anytime between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, not including holidays.
- The **Walmart Pharmacy** in Winnemucca is offering COVID-19 vaccines to all individuals age 12 and older, including the Moderna and Pfizer third doses for immunocompromised persons. No appointment is necessary; go to the pharmacy drop-off window to ask for assistance.
- **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.

COVID-19 testing locations in Humboldt County include:

- **Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic** - Humboldt General Hospital Screening Clinic - Offers drive-thru screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch). Call (775) 623-5222, ext. 1379 to schedule an appointment. Located at 51 E. Haskell Street, across from Humboldt General Hospital.
- **Golden Valley Medical Center** - Private clinic owned by Nevada Gold offers screening for asymptomatic and symptomatic persons. Call (775) 625-4653 for an appointment.
- **Ridley's Pharmacy** - Offers in-vehicle PCR send-out testing for asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals. Go here and follow the prompts to schedule an appointment.
- **HGH Emergency Department** - Those who experience severe COVID-like symptoms should go directly to the HGH Emergency Department, which is open 24 hours a day, or call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

Local COVID-19 information is available in Spanish @CovidEspanol. Humboldt County COVID-19 updates and information are available in English at @HumboldtCountyNV and @StopHumboldtCoronavirus.

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.

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