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2 New Hospitalizations, 137 New Cases

Humboldt County Public Health reported today two new hospitalizations, a resident in their 60s and one in their 70s. No new deaths were reported.

An additional 90 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 were announced as well as 47 new probable cases for the period between Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Tuesday, Nov. 22. The total number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 22,521. An additional 5,461 cases are reported as probable.*

Health Officials are urging community residents to take precautions this season after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported an increase in COVID-19 cases and earlier-than-expected flu activity and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases across the state and country.

Anyone can contract any of these respiratory illnesses, but those most at risk of developing severe complications from influenza, COVID-19 and RSV tend to be young children and infants, and adults aged 65 and older, as well as individuals with compromised immune systems.

Respiratory illnesses like flu, COVID-19 and RSV can be prevented with good respiratory hygiene, including regular hand washing, avoiding close contact with individuals experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, and disinfecting high-touch surfaces. Masking is also an effective countermeasure, with N95 or KN95 respirators providing the highest degree of protection. As with COVID-19, babies and toddlers under 2 years old should not wear a mask.

Following these tips as well as getting a seasonal flu vaccine and keeping up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are important measures in keeping yourself and those around you safe.

Local COVID-19 vaccination data has been updated:

- Since the last weekly report on Nov. 16, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) consolidated two vaccine databases resulting in the subtraction of 396 individuals in Humboldt County who have completed their vaccine series. Public Health is awaiting clarification from CDPH on what criteria was followed to determine reclassification.
- A total of 91,874 individuals, or approximately 68% of the county's total population, have been fully vaccinated as of Tuesday.

OptumServe offers rapid antigen testing and PCR testing services at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka five days a week. Walk-ins will receive only rapid antigen testing unless the attendee specifically states they require a PCR test. Appointments for antigen testing can be made by calling 888-634-1123. Wharfinger testing runs Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. Additional testing locations and schedules are available at humboldt.gov/2787/Test-Registration.

See the schedule below for specific Public Health vaccination and testing clinic dates, times, locations and available services. Please note: several regularly scheduled clinics are canceled during Thanksgiving week.

Eureka — Monday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Eureka Public Health (529 I Street)

Eureka — Tuesday, Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Weather dependent. Clinic will be canceled if it rains.)

Eureka Boat Launch (1701 Waterfront Drive, under Samoa Bridge)

Eureka — Tuesday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agricultural Building (5630 Broadway)

Willow Creek — Tuesday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Willow Creek Public Health (77 Walnut Way)

* "Confirmed cases" represent the total confirmed positive PCR test results or detection of SARS-CoV-2 by genomic sequencing, and "probable cases" are individuals who:

- Have a positive antigen (Ag) test for COVID-19, or
- Were diagnosed with COVID-19 disease by a health care provider, or
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 disease after being in close contact with a person having a PCR-confirmed test result, or
- Were a decedent whose death certificate lists COVID-19 as a cause or significant contributing factor of their death, in the absence of a positive PCR test result.

For information about COVID-19, please call Humboldt County Public Health at 1-707-445-6201, or email HHSPhB@co.humboldt.ca.us.

For local updates, visit Humboldt Health Alert
at humboldt.gov/HumboldtHealthAlert.

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: MyTurn.ca.gov

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo

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