news release

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Two New Hospitalizations, 58 New Cases

Humboldt County Public Health reported today two new hospitalizations of two residents in their 70s. An additional 38 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 were announced as well as 20 new probable cases for the period between Tuesday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, Feb. 7. The total number of confirmed cases in the county stands at 23,306. An additional 6,049 cases are reported as probable.*

Humboldt County COVID-19 vaccination data is available at the California Department of Public Health's Tracking COVID-19 in California Data Dashboard. Residents can scroll down to the "County and statewide data" section and input "Humboldt County" to get local vaccination data.

OptumServe continues to offer 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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed from 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. Flu testing is also available.

The Wharfinger site's last day will be Saturday, Feb. 25, three days before the state's COVID-19 State of Emergency officially ends Feb. 28. Californians in need of COVID-19 testing can purchase over the counter (OTC) tests at local stores or pharmacies or order through their health insurers or the federal government at https://special.usps.com/testkits.

Individuals who use OTC tests and do not have a health care provider, may access test-to-treat services by contacting Sesame Telehealth at https://sesamecare.com/covidca or by calling 1-833-686-5051.

Children 6 months and older are eligible for the COVID vaccine and bivalent boosters. To learn more or to book an appointment, talk to your child's health care provider. Scheduling for children ages 6 months through 5 years is also available on MyTurn.ca.gov.

See the schedule below for specific Public Health vaccination and testing clinic dates, times, locations and available services. Bivalent boosters will be provided at all.

Willow Creek — Thursday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   Willow Creek Public Health (77 Walnut Way)

Arcata — Thursday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
   Arcata Transit Center (925 E St.)

Redway — Friday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
   Healy Senior Center (456 Briceland Road)

Arcata — Saturday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
   St. Mary's Church (1690 Janes Road)

Eureka — Tuesday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (Closed from noon to 1 p.m.) Public Health Main (529 I St.)

* "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 707-445-6201, or email HHSPHB@co.humboldt.ca.us.
For local updates, visit Humboldt Health Alert at humboldtgov.org/HumboldtHealthAlert.
Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: MyTurn.ca.gov
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