



Humboldt Health Alert 2020 (JAN-MAR) Archive

March 31 - Six New Cases of COVID-19 Confirmed Today

[News Release] Six new COVID-19 cases were confirmed today, bringing the total number of cases to 27 since the first positive diagnosis of a Humboldt County resident in late February. Read more: [Six New Cases \(PDF\)](#)

March 30, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 30, 2020 - Three Additional Cases Confirmed Today

Three cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, bringing the total to 21 local cases since the outbreak in Humboldt County began.

March 28, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

Mach 28, 2020 – Four Additional COVID-19 Cases Confirmed

Four additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, bringing the total to 18 local cases since the outbreak began. Cases 11 through 18 are currently under investigation. Read more: [Mar28_18Cases \(PDF\)](#)

March 27, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 27, 2020 - Two Additional COVID-19 Cases Confirmed

Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, bringing the total to 14 local cases since the outbreak began. Cases 11 through 14 are currently under investigation, with additional information expected next week.

Read more: [Two Additional COVID-19 Cases \(PDF\)](#)

March 26, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 26, 2020 - First Local COVID-19 Hospitalization, Two Additional Cases Confirmed

Two additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, one by the Public Health Laboratory and the other by a commercial lab, bringing the number of known cases in Humboldt County to 12. Today also marked the first hospitalization of a COVID patient since the outbreak began locally.

[First Local COVID-19 Hospitalization, Two Additional Cases Confirmed \(PDF\)](#)

March 25 - Number of Confirmed Cases Double in Humboldt County

Five additional individuals have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing to 10 the number of known cases in Humboldt County. Four of the patients were members of the international traveling group referenced yesterday that yielded two previous positive tests. The 5th is a household contact of one of these individuals. [Five additional COVID-19 cases \(PDF\)](#).

March 24 - Fifth Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Humboldt County

A fifth county resident has tested positive for COVID-19, local health officials confirmed this afternoon. Details about the case will be available tomorrow, March 25, along with information about integrating commercial laboratory testing data into daily lab reports. [Fifth confirmed COVID-19 case \(PDF\)](#).

March 24 - Fourth Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Humboldt County

A fourth county resident has tested positive for COVID-19, local health officials confirmed this afternoon. Read more about the [fourth confirmed COVID-19 case \(PDF\)](#).

March 24 - Public Health Seeks Traveler Info

As COVID-19 infections increase across the globe and within our own state, travel is increasing the risk of exposure for individuals in our community. High-risk travel is no longer limited to international destinations. Any travel to areas with community level transmission presents opportunities for exposure to COVID-19. All travelers to these areas, whether international or domestic, should be self-quarantining, which means staying at home except for accessing needed health care, for 14 days after return. If you have traveled and become ill with fever, cough or shortness of breath or other symptoms of concern while quarantining at home, you should contact your health care provider for guidance.

Three recent flights may represent a possible exposure for COVID-19 infection, either because an individual on board has become a confirmed case or because a close contact whose test is pending was on board.

Read more in the [Traveler Info Request \(PDF\)](#).

March 24, 2020 - Third Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Humboldt County

Local health officials confirmed today a third resident has tested positive for novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said the individual had recently traveled internationally but not to a country that had been flagged as high risk. "Really, there is no international travel that can be considered safe right now," Frankovich said, adding that the individual was traveling with a group.

Read more about the [third confirmed COVID-19 case \(PDF\)](#).

March 20, 2020 - Second Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Humboldt County

Local Health Officials confirmed a second positive test of a Humboldt County resident with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) one month to the day after the county had its first confirmed positive case. Read more about the [second confirmed COVID-19 case \(PDF\)](#)

March 20, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 19, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 18, 2020 - Public Health Lab Report

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 16, 2020 - Public Health Lab Info Available Online

Starting today, the Humboldt County Joint Information Center will provide daily updates about local COVID-19 testing capabilities and results. The information will be updated Monday through Saturday and posted at Humboldt Health Alert located at [COVID Test Results](#).

Public Health Lab report for March 16

The daily [COVID Test Results](#) are now available.

March 16, 2020 - Online Coronavirus Assessment Tool

St. Joseph Health has developed an online [Coronavirus Assessment Tool](#) that can help you evaluate risk factors for contracting the illness.

March 12, 2020 - State Provides New Social Distancing Recommendations as County Launches Additional COVID Info Line

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued new social distancing guidance late yesterday, recommending postponement or cancellation of large gatherings across the state through the end of March. Read more about [CDPH Social Distancing recommendations \(PDF\)](#).

March 11, 2020 - Public Health Officials Declare Emergency, Announce Local Testing Capabilities

Humboldt County Health Officer Teresa Frankovich, MD, has declared a Local Health Emergency in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in California and beyond. Read more about the [Public Health Emergency Declaration and Local Testing Capabilities \(PDF\)](#).

March 11, 2020 - Local Health Emergency Declaration News Conference

<https://youtu.be/Uczuo9qePSk>

March 9, 2020 - Arcata Student Diagnosed With Bacterial Meningitis

Humboldt County Public Health has been notified of a case of bacterial meningitis in a student attending Arcata High School. The student is currently hospitalized and under treatment. Read more about [Bacterial Meningitis \(PDF\)](#).

Feb. 28, 2020 - Humboldt County resident released from isolation

The individual in Humboldt County who tested positive for COVID-19 infection earlier this month has been released from isolation after meeting all conditions for clearance required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Read more about [Humboldt County resident released from isolation \(PDF\)](#).

Feb. 25, 2020 - Second patient test 'indeterminate' for COVID-19

A second case of COVID-19 in Humboldt County has not been confirmed because the individual involved has tested "indeterminate" for the virus. Read more about the [second COVID-19 test results](#).

Feb. 20, 2020 - First case of COVID-19 confirmed in Humboldt County

The Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Branch has received confirmation from the California Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of one case of COVID-19 in a Humboldt County resident. A close contact who has symptoms is being tested as well. Read more about [COVID-19 in Humboldt](#).

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing up-to-date information on COVID-19 at the links below.

CDC Fact Sheet: What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

- [What you need to know - English \(PDF\)](#)
- [What you need to know - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

CDC Fact Sheet: What to do if you're sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

- [What to do if you're sick - English \(PDF\)](#)
- [What to do if you're sick - Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

CDC Frequently Asked Questions about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19):

- [Frequently Asked Questions - English](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions - Spanish](#)

Jan. 31, 2020 - Officials say there are no local cases of novel coronavirus at this time

This afternoon, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services declared novel coronavirus a public health emergency. Local officials say there are still no cases in Humboldt County at this time. Read more about the [novel coronavirus](#).