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COVID-19 Case Count Reaches 50

Humboldt County's total number of COVID-19 cases now stands at 50, following confirmation of a single additional case today.

Data available to date indicates the following means of transmission for all Humboldt County cases:

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 18
- Community Transmission: 6
- Under Investigation: 3

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich emphasized the continued importance of social distancing and other measures to limit spread of COVID-19. "While we saw only one case confirmed today, we are really just at the beginning of this pandemic locally," she said. "Sheltering and all of the measures we have put in place will be critically important in slowing transmission over the coming weeks."

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at [humboldt.gov](https://www.humboldt.gov) or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Notes on patient and demographic data

To protect the identity of people with COVID-19, their specific location of residence will not be disclosed. The Humboldt County Public Health Branch is legally responsible for protecting personal health information, including residence address, specific age, recent travel, the identities and locations of any contacts, the provider of medical treatment, the course of illness and any other information that might identify an individual with or exposed to the virus unless it serves the interests of public health to do so.

Although we understand it is of interest to residents, providing location and demographic information to the general public does nothing to slow the spread of illness. Humboldt County is experiencing untraceable person-to-person transmission, also known as "community spread," and there is no place that can be considered safe. To reduce your chances of acquiring or spreading COVID-19, avoid travel, wash your hands, keep yourself and your environment clean, follow the shelter-in-place order, and do not leave home for any reason unless it is absolutely necessary to do so.

The following case information is provided daily Monday through Saturday:

- New positive cases
- Total positive cases to date
- Total hospitalizations to date
- Total Public Health Lab tests to date
- Total commercial lab tests to date
- Public Health Lab test capacity, total and daily, and estimated turnaround time
- Transmission data
 - traveler-acquired
 - contact to known case
 - community transmission
 - under investigation

Additional information will be provided each Friday:

- Regional data
 - currently measured by percentage in densely populated area
 - soon to be represented instead by region after minimum thresholds of positive cases per region have been reached
- Gender
- Mean age
- Test rates and positive test rates relative to the State of California.

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