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No New Positive Cases Today

Humboldt County's COVID-19 case count remains at 50 as no additional positive cases were confirmed today.

Means of transmission have been identified in all 50 cases. Contact investigations conducted to date indicate 23 had contact with a known case and 20 had traveled outside of the county. A total of seven cases were acquired through community transmission.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said it was too soon to say for certain, but she was hopeful that Public Health's aggressive contact investigations and subsequent isolation and quarantine procedures, in combination with community efforts in complying with shelter-in-place orders and other measures, is having an impact on slowing local transmission. "I thank everyone for their cooperation to date and going forward," Frankovich said. "We know there will be increasing numbers of cases throughout our county over time. An important measure of success is whether we are able to slow the increase enough to ensure appropriate health care is available when our residents need it."

For the most up-to-date 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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