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Humboldt County Case Count Remains at 50

No additional positive cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today. The total case count has remained at 50 since Tuesday, April 7.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said some other areas of the state are also experiencing a relative slowing in numbers of new cases. "Sheltering in place and the other social distancing measures that have been so difficult for us all, appear to be having an impact in slowing spread of the virus," she said. "This is important because our cases of identified community transmission tell us that the virus is circulating within the community."

Frankovich cautioned that individuals assembling who are not normally in contact can suddenly create a cluster of cases within a community. "It is critically important that people hang in there and remember, especially during the holidays, that observances and celebrations need to occur within the home," she said. "Please keep your family, friends and community safe by following shelter-in-place orders."

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

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 7
- Under Investigation: 0

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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