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## Humboldt County Case Count Remains at 50 for Fourth Day in a Row

Humboldt County's case count remains at 50 as there were no additional positive cases for the fourth day in a row.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "Other areas are seeing this slowing or pause in apparent transmission, and I am optimistic that our measures are having an impact. As we use this time to enhance preparedness, we are also looking at how we move forward through this pandemic."

However, Frankovich cautioned that COVID-19 is still present and limiting the pace of transmission is essential. "It is imperative that spread happens gradually so that the health care system is never overwhelmed and unable to provide quality care for everyone," she said. "Meanwhile, researchers are working hard on developing effective treatment which can also change the trajectory of this disease. I am deeply grateful to all Humboldt residents who are abiding by shelter-in-place orders and following recommendations that are keeping us all safe."

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](mailto: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 is 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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