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No Additional Cases Confirmed Today

No new positive cases of COVID-19 were confirmed again today, marking the sixth consecutive day without a new case in Humboldt County.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said the county could be seeing the effects of social distancing and the Shelter-in-Place Order. "Our last positive result was a week ago," she said. "It's important to remember that the virus has not disappeared, we have simply made it much more difficult to spread."

Frankovich added that the Shelter-in-Place Order continues to be an important part of Humboldt County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. "I know we are all eager to move forward and ease some of the restrictions in place," she said. "Any move to ease shelter-in-place regulations can only be done with solid and informed planning."

The following information is based on the most recent data available for all confirmed 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 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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