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## Eight New Cases Reported Today

Eight new cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 189 the total number of residents who have tested positive for the virus. Today marked the first case of community transmission since June 17. Some cases remain under investigation.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich noted that while this is the first reported case of community transmission in more than a month, it is important to be mindful that COVID-19 is circulating within our county. "We have had cases in all regions of our county, and we have people traveling in and out of our county, so it is good to assume that when you are out of your home you may encounter someone with COVID-19. The possibility of this exposure will only increase with time," she said.

"No matter where you live or work, you can be as safe as possible by following all preventive measures like proper hand washing, use of face coverings and social distancing," Dr. Frankovich said. She added that contacts that occur outdoors are safer than those indoors just as brief contacts that occur with a face covering in place and at a distance of six feet lessen risk of transmission.

Today's alert level stands at a two. Visit [humboldt.gov/dashboard](https://humboldt.gov/dashboard) to view the Data Dashboard and Alert Level Assessment tool.

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

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