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Six New Cases Reported Today

Six additional cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 299 the total number of Humboldt County residents who have contracted the virus.

Of the 299 confirmed cases, 161 were contracted through contact with a known case, 70 were acquired through travel and 43 were community transmission. The means of transmission for 25 remaining cases are still under investigation by Public Health's contact tracing teams. That process often requires interviews with many people in an effort to identify how the virus was acquired and if no source is found, they are considered community-acquired.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said it can be difficult for a person who contracts the virus to remember every person or place they came in contact with in the last ten days, how long their interaction lasted, at what distance and whether masks were worn the whole time. "All of this is important information to have in investigations so that we can work to limit spread of COVID in our community," she said. "Staying home as much as possible, avoiding gathering with those who live outside of your household, distancing and using facial coverings continue to be important ways to limit spread of COVID."

Today's alert level stands at three or level orange. Visit humboldt.gov/dashboard to view the county's Alert Level Assessment tool.

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

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