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Sixth COVID-Related Death, 26 New Cases Reported Since Friday

A sixth Humboldt County resident diagnosed with COVID-19 has died.

This individual, in their 70s, had been hospitalized for COVID-19 symptoms. Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich expressed her sympathies, saying her heart goes out to this person's loved ones and everyone who is mourning this loss.

Twenty-six new cases of COVID-19 have been reported since Friday, bringing to 473 the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus.

"The recent increase in case counts is very concerning," Dr. Frankovich said. "If we continue at this pace, we are at risk of moving to the 'Substantial' or Red Tier in the new state framework. This increase not only has implications for the health of our community, it can also impact our local businesses, many of whom would need to downsize their operations or, in some instances, close operations."

Dr. Frankovich emphasized the importance of adhering to prevention measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. "There are tools available to all of us to limit spread of this virus. Wearing facial coverings, practicing frequent and thorough handwashing and avoiding gatherings with those outside of your household continue to be the best ways to protect yourself and your family," she said.

Today's alert level stands at two or level yellow. 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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