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## Four New Cases Reported Since Friday; Dashboard Now Includes Case Location, Hospitalizations and Deaths

Four new cases of COVID-19 have been reported since Friday, bringing to 533 the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus.

The Humboldt County Data Dashboard has been updated to include more local information, including hospitalization rates by age group, death rates by age group and case location by ZIP code. Because race and ethnicity information is self-reported and not available for all cases, this dataset now reflects a percentage based on the total number of cases for which data is available, rather the percentage of all cases.

Hospitalization and death rates by age group indicate the percentage of people within a particular age group of Humboldt County residents who have been hospitalized or died after testing positive for COVID-19. Case counts by ZIP code will show a range of 0 to 5 for case count until the area surpasses 5 total cases, at which time the total confirmed count will be displayed. Go to [humboldt.gov/dashboard](http://humboldt.gov/dashboard) for the latest information.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich cautioned against using ZIP code information to assess an individual's risk of being exposed to COVID-19. "Case location is assigned to a person's permanent residence, so it doesn't indicate where a person may have contracted the virus," she said. This information is provided to help residents better understand how widespread the virus is in the community, but it should not be used to determine if a certain city or town is safe or not. "The best way to protect ourselves, our families and our economy is to practice prevention measures that limit spread of COVID-19 everywhere we go," Dr. Frankovich said.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](http://cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at [humboldt.gov](http://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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