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State Updates Guidance on Rallies and Protest Gatherings to Require Face Coverings

Humboldt County's confirmed COVID-19 case count now stands at 571, after two new cases were reported today.

In related news, the California Department of Public Health updated its Stay Home Q&A website, which reflects state orders. The changes clarify that political rallies are subject to the same rules as political protests, and face coverings are required at both.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich supported the updated guidance, saying that whenever members of different households are brought together, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases. "It is incredibly important that we work to keep each other safe in every setting. Use of facial coverings, distancing and all of the prevention measures we have talked about have helped Humboldt County keep its positivity and case rates lower than most areas of the state," the doctor said.

There are specific requirements for indoor and outdoor protests and rallies which may be found on the Stay Home Q&A site. Anyone organizing or planning on attending an event should review the directives carefully to keep themselves and others safe.

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.

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