Four New Cases Reported; Previous Case Reassigned to Another County

Four new cases of COVID-19 were reported today. A previous case was reassigned to the person's county of residence, so the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus now stands at 624.

The California Department of Public Health today updated the county's tier assignment under the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy." Humboldt County remains in the "yellow" or minimal tier with an adjusted case rate of 2.0 and a positivity rate of 1%. Though local data meets the criteria for the orange tier, the county will stay in the yellow tier after qualifying for the state's Health Equity Metric.

Humboldt County Deputy Health Officer Dr. Josh Ennis said that local trends are headed in the wrong direction. "If that continues, we could see a move to the orange tier in the next month," he said, emphasizing that individual actions have a direct impact on the community. "Adherence to simple safety measures like wearing a facial covering, regular handwashing and avoiding mixing with other households, especially during and after travel, is the best way to support our businesses and families. Travel remains the main driver of illness right now," he added. "The more we can do to prevent spread of this virus, the better off we will all be."

To find out how sectors will be affected if local conditions remain unchanged and the state assigns the county to a more restrictive tier, visit cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf.

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

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