Twenty-Nine New Cases Reported Since Tuesday

A total of 653 county residents have tested positive for COVID-19, after 29 cases were confirmed since Tuesday.

Humboldt County Deputy Health Officer Dr. Josh Ennis called the recent increase in the local case rate “concerning.”

“The case rate is one of the factors the state is looking at when it assigns tier status, so we must work to keep it low for our businesses and community alike,” he said. “An increasing case rate also means COVID-19 is circulating more broadly, ultimately impacting our health care system’s capacity to respond,” adding that hospitalizations can lag weeks behind increased case counts.

“The safest course of action is to assume anyone you interact with could have the virus and follow prevention measures,” Dr. Ennis said.

The Humboldt County Data Dashboard today is reporting one new hospitalization. One additional person who traveled here from out of the area has been hospitalized here. Because this person’s permanent residence is in another county, their status will not be counted in local cumulative data.

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.