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65 New Cases Reported Since Friday; Vaccination Efforts Slowed by Limited Supply

Sixty-five additional cases of COVID-19 have been reported since Friday. Three recently reported cases were determined to be from out of county and one was a duplicate, so the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus now stands at 2,815.

All datasets on the Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard have been updated. Some highlights include:

- The 20-29 age group continues to represent the largest percentage of local cases at just over 24%, though the 10-19 age group saw the highest increase in cases since last week with 38 new infections.
- Humboldt County's confirmed case rate is 2,113 per 100,000 residents. The state and national rates are more than three times higher at 8,247 and 7,947 per 100,000 residents respectively.
- The county has seen a 6.4% increase in cases over last week, and the case doubling time is 44 days.

Go to humboldtgov.org/dashboard to view the latest data.

Humboldt County Public Health continues to use every dose of the COVID-19 vaccine it is allocated on a weekly basis. Due to limited vaccine supply, Public Health has canceled its large-scale vaccination clinics for the week and reassigned available resources to support other providers' clinics.

By the end of this week, all approved local vaccinators, including Public Health, are expected to receive a total of 3,775 doses. Those will be administered to health care workers, first responders, people age 75 and over as well as in-person educators and support staff, based on priorities outlined by the California Department of Public Health.

First dose vaccinations are expected to slow in the coming weeks as nearly 6,000 people are set to begin receiving appointment invitations to schedule their second dose in February and March. Large groups are due for their second dose at once due to the Moderna pause, which, once lifted, led to many first dose vaccinations being given in a shorter period of time than was anticipated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that the second dose of both approved vaccines can be given as many as 42 days after the first.

County residents are urged to continue practicing COVID-19 safety measures until vaccine

supply can meet demand, which is likely to take many months. Regular testing for COVID-19 remains critically important in identifying cases early to prevent further spread.

Scheduling an appointment in advance at an OptumServe test site is the best way to ensure a test is available, but walk-ins are accepted at all sites. Results are typically returned in about 72 hours. Call 888-634-1123 or go to lhi.care/covidtesting to schedule.

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.

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldt.gov/vaccineinfo

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldt.gov/dashboard

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