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One Death, 14 New Cases Reported; Physical Distancing Remains 6 Feet in Most Situations

A Humboldt County resident has died with COVID-19, and 14 additional cases have been reported since the most recent report Friday. A total of 3,433 county residents have tested positive for the virus.

The person who died was in their 50s. This marks the county's 36th death related to COVID-19. Humboldt County Public Health and Emergency Operations Center staff extend their condolences to the person's friends and loved ones.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health recently updated guidance for physical distancing in schools, now recommending at least 3 feet of distance between students when facial coverings are worn at all times. Distancing between students and teachers or other staff remains at least 6 feet.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman said the updated recommendations are based on the latest data about COVID-19 transmission specific to school settings but do not apply to safety measures in the community more broadly.

"We have both national and international data that indicates cases that occur in schools are often transmitted from adults to kids rather than between young people," Dr. Hoffman said, again emphasizing that these recommendations affect classroom settings only. "This narrowly applied guidance is encouraging as we get children back into the classroom, but we need to double down on the established measures elsewhere in our community to keep us healthy, keep our kids in school and keep our businesses open."

The daily and weekly datasets on the Humboldt County Data Dashboard have been updated. Some highlights include:

- The county saw a 1.8% increase in cases over the last week, down from 1.9% the previous week and 3.1% the week before that.
- The confirmed case rate is 2,515 per 100,000 residents. The state and national rates are more than three times higher at 8,973 and 9,041 respectively.
- The 20-29 age group represents the highest number of local cases with 803, followed by the 30-39 age group with 658 cases.

There was a discrepancy in last Monday's update of the case distribution by age group dataset. Ages of individual cases were incorrectly displayed due to a rounding error, which has since been corrected. Accurate data for the last three weeks is displayed below.

Age Range	3/8/21 Positive Cases	3/15/21 Positive Cases	3/22/21 Positive Cases
0-9:	231	241	245
10-19:	395	402	412
20-29:	768	785	803
30-39:	635	649	658
40-49:	415	418	424
50-59:	341	345	351
60-69:	279	284	288
70-79:	137	138	141
80+:	93	94	97
<i>Total</i>	3,294	3,356	3,419

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.

Some Safeway and CVS Pharmacy locations are offering COVID-19 vaccination appointments. See if there are appointments available for your age group or sector at one of these locations by clicking on the links below.

Safeway: <https://www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt>

CVS Pharmacy: <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine?icid=cvs-home-hero1-link2-coronavirus-vaccine>.

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: [humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo](https://www.humboldt.gov/VaccineInfo)

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: [humboldt.gov/Dashboard](https://www.humboldt.gov/Dashboard)

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