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1 Death, 50 New Cases Reported Since Friday; Health Officials Encourage Residents to Participate in Contact Tracing

A Humboldt County resident has died with COVID-19, and 50 additional cases of the virus have been reported since the most recent update on Friday. The total number of county residents who have tested positive now stands at 4,248.

The community member who died was in their 70s. Humboldt County Public Health and emergency response staff extend their sympathies to all who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

Given the recent rise in cases, local health officials urge county residents who test positive for COVID-19 to engage in the contact tracing process, which is an effort to catch cases early and isolate them before they spread through the broader community.

Public Health staff will reach out to a person who tests positive and help them identify anyone who was a close contact while they were infectious, meaning they were within 6 feet of an infected individual for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Staff then follow up with those close contacts to share information about symptoms to look for, testing resources and, if necessary, isolation and quarantine. All information shared is confidential, and participation in the process is one of the most effective ways to limit spread of the virus to family members, friends or coworkers.

View the Humboldt County Data Dashboard online at humboldtgov.org/dashboard, or go to humboldtgov.org/DashboardArchives to download today's data.

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

Sign up for COVID-19 vaccination: MyTurn.ca.gov

Check for vaccine availability at a local pharmacy: Vaccines.gov

Local COVID-19 vaccine information: humboldtgov.org/VaccineInfo

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldtgov.org/Dashboard

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