NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – March 30, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 140,904 (+55,548)
- Total deaths: 2,405 (+1,159)
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and US Virgin Islands)

Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

STATE:

In the last 4 days, there has been a doubling of patient hospitalizations and a tripling of patients in ICU throughout the state.

As of March 29, 2020, 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, there are a total of 5,763 positive cases and 135 deaths in California.

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 65 cases
- Age 18-49: 2,973 cases
- Age 50-64: 1,447 cases
- Age 65 and older: 1,252 cases
- Unknown: 26 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 2,581 cases
- Male: 3,083 cases
- Non-binary: 0 cases
- Unknown: 99 cases
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

CDE will be hosting a webinar this Thursday, April 2 at 3 p.m. entitled “SSPI Distance Learning Innovations for Special Education.”

Learn and listen to special education educators who have been innovative in meeting the needs of their students during this time of distance learning. CDE also seeking other innovative ideas for delivering special education through distance learning and are asking educators to send us examples of best practices they are using to deliver special education, including activities and lesson plans, and/or proposals for new ways to meet students’ needs through distance learning. You may send your ideas to sedinfo@cde.ca.gov. To register for the webinar, please sign up at https://www3.cde.ca.gov/conferenceregistration/index.aspx?eventid=85&parttype=cdehq.

LOCAL:

March 30, 2020 - Three Additional Cases Confirmed Today

Three cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today, bringing the total to 21 local cases since the outbreak in Humboldt County began.

Daily COVID-19 case report for March 30
Total number of positive cases: 21
Total number of active cases: 20
Total number of hospitalizations: 1

Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 328

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 216
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and commercial labs)

After receiving additional supplies, the Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 700 tests and can process about 40 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 hours.
March 30, 2020 - Sheriff Declares Local Emergency

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal declared a Local Emergency this afternoon in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. Read more: Mar30_LocalEmergencyDeclared (PDF)

March 30, 2020 - Health Officer Issues Updated Order for Humboldt County

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich issued an updated Health Order further clarifying and enhancing the Shelter in Place requirements for county residents. Read more: Mar30_Updated Order (PDF)

COVID-19 Virtual Town Hall Meeting Happening Tonight!

Humboldt County residents are encouraged to participate in a virtual town hall meeting regarding the local response to COVID-19 on Monday, March 30, 2020 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The community can watch this town hall meeting live at:

- Access Humboldt’s YouTube Page
- Access Humboldt Channel 11
- WAVE7 (Southern Humboldt WAVE subscribers)
- Listen at KZZH-LP 96.7

The town hall will be available for viewing following the event at:

- Access Humboldt’s YouTube Page
- Community questions can be submitted Prior to the event:
- Via email: COVIDinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us. Please include in the subject line “ATTN: TOWN HALL”
- Via OpenGov: humboldtgov.org/covidtownhall
- During the event:
- Via Facebook: HumCo COVID-19. A special post will be created for you to comment your questions.
- Via OpenGov: humboldtgov.org/covidtownhall

The following local officials will be present to accept questions during this event:
Connie Beck, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Director
Estelle Fennell, Humboldt County District 2 Supervisor
Dr. Teresa Frankovich, Humboldt County Health Officer
William Honsal, Humboldt County Sheriff
Michele Stephens, Humboldt County Public Health Director

*This event will be moderated by North Coast Journal News Editor Thadeus Greenson.*