

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 3, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 239,279 (+26,135)
- Total deaths: 5,443 (+930)
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, and US Virgin Islands)

Cases of COVID-19 Reported in the US, by Source of Exposure*+

- Travel Related – 1,388 (+244)
- Close Contact – 4,325 (+1,080)
- Under Investigation – 233,566 (23,811)
- Total cases – 239,279

*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.

+CDC is no longer reporting the number of persons under investigation (PUIs) that have been tested, as well as PUIs that have tested negative. Now that states are testing and reporting their own results, CDC's numbers are not representative of all testing being done nationwide.

New! Weekly COVID Surveillance Report

A weekly surveillance summary of U.S. COVID-19 activity. The report summarizes and interprets key indicators including information related to COVID-19 outpatient visits, emergency department visits, hospitalizations and deaths, as well as laboratory data. Read the NEW COVIDView [here](#).

STATE:

*As of April 2, 2020, 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time:

10,701 positive cases (+1,510)

237 deaths in California (+34)

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 120 cases
- Age 18-49: 5,302 cases
- Age 50-64: 2,879 cases
- Age 65 and older: 2,342 cases
- Unknown/Missing: 58 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 5,015 cases
- Male: 5,547 cases
- Unknown: 139 cases

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**Webinar: SSPI Update: Distance Learning Innovations for Special Education**

- In Case You Missed it: View [here](#)

LOCAL:**April 3, 2020 - Four New Cases Confirmed Today****Total number of positive cases: 40*****Total number of hospitalizations: 2**

*One case confirmed April 2 was from a neighboring county. That case has been deducted from Humboldt County's overall count.

Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 501

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 448
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and commercial labs)

The Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 650 tests and can process about 50 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 to 72 hours.

The following information is based on the most recent data available for all confirmed cases:

- Contact to a Known Case: 18
- Travel-Acquired: 13
- Community Transmission: 6
- Under Investigation: 3

Approximately 84% of cases are located in or around Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville and Fortuna

- Males: 43%
- Females: 57%
- Mean age: 44

CHECK OUT THE DATA TRACKER OF CONFIRMED CASES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND HOW HUMBOLDT COMPARES [HERE](#).

THE COVID MINUTE

“In this morning’s The COVID Minute, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich discusses the differences in testing rates across the state and why it seems Humboldt has a high rate of positive cases compared to other counties.” Watch [here](#).

HEALTH OFFICIALS CHANGE POSITION ON FACE MASK EFFECTIVENESS

Following new guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich is now recommending members of the public wear face coverings when leaving their homes on essential business.

The recommendation comes after emerging information that suggests a possible benefit to having members of the public mask when outside their home.

“Because of this, I am recommending that all members of our community use face coverings of some kind when leaving their home for essential activities,” Dr. Frankovich said. She added that these face coverings may include a cloth mask, bandana, scarf or similar garment and should be used in conjunction with the terms of the shelter order and social distancing guidelines that stipulate a minimum of six feet between people.

Due to a national shortage of masks needed for health care workers and first responders, surgical masks, unexpired N95 masks, and other essential protective equipment is not

recommended for everyday use at this time unless you already have a supply at home for personal use.

While there is still no evidence that face covering protects the person wearing it from getting infected, it may help reduce the spread of virus from people who do not yet know they have the infection.

“Because symptoms may be mild and not everyone will even realize they are sick, they may unintentionally infect other people,” Dr. Frankovich said. “Wearing a face covering will help reduce the chance that you are spreading the infection to others. If everyone in our community wears a mask, it can help to keep us all safer.”

For more information about face covering, please read our [Face Covering FAQ](#).

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCES:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services has several local resources available, including an email and phone hotline.

- [Humboldt Health Alert web page](#)
- **General information:**
707-441-5000
covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us
- **Medical advice, questions about testing:**
707-445-6200
hhsphb@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Meal Distribution for Kids: The Humboldt County Office of Education maintains a list of pickup spots distributing free meals for children age 18 and under. Learn more [here](#).

Resources for schools, students, parents and families: updated daily

- Learn more at: <https://hcoe.org/covid-19/>

Featured Tip for Families: WELLNESS

- [My Kid's School is Closed So Now What?](#)