NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 9, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases: 427,460 (+32,449)
- Total deaths: 14,696 (+1,942)
- 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 – 1,930 (+66)
- Close Contact – 9,763 (+1,560)
- Under Investigation – 415,767 (+30,823)
- Total cases – 427,460

STATE:

*As of April 8, 2020, 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time:

- 18,309 positive cases (+1,352)
- 492 deaths in California (+50)

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

- Age 0-17: 252 cases
- Age 18-49: 8,939 cases
- Age 50-64: 5,003 cases
- Age 65 and older: 4,056 cases
- Unknown/Missing: 59 cases

Gender of all confirmed positive cases:

- Female: 8,776 cases
- Male: 9,130 cases
- Unknown: 403 cases
GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES:

Governor Newsom Announces Additional Unemployment Benefits for Workers Impacted by COVID19, as Unemployment Claims Reach Record Levels. Read more here

Governor Newsom Announces New Program to Provide Front-Line Health Care Workers with Hotel Rooms. Read more here

WATCH: California Governor Gavin Newsom gives coronavirus update -- April 9, 2020
HOW PEOPLE CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

Every person has a role to play. Protecting yourself and your family comes down to common sense:

- Staying home except for essential needs/activities.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Washing hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering a cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or disposable tissue. Wash your hands afterward.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Following guidance from public health officials.

LOCAL:

April 9, 2020 – No New Positive Cases Today

- Total number of positive cases: 50
- Total number of hospitalizations: 3
- Total number of deaths: 0

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said some other areas of the state are also experiencing a relative slowing in numbers of new cases. “Sheltering in place and the other social distancing measures that have been so difficult for us all, appear to be having an impact in slowing spread of the virus,” she said. “This is important because our cases of identified community transmission tell us that the virus is circulating within the community.”

Frankovich cautioned that individuals assembling who are not normally in contact can suddenly create a cluster of cases within a community. “It is critically important that people hang in there and remember, especially during the holidays, that observances and celebrations need to occur within the home,” she said. “Please keep your family, friends and community safe by following shelter-in-place orders.”
Total number of tests run: 1,290
- Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 730
- Total number of people tested by all other sources: 560

The Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 450 tests and can process about 50 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 to 72 hours.

Data available to date indicates the following means of transmission for all Humboldt County cases: Of the 50 cases:

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 7
- Under Investigation: 0

FEATURED VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

- Sheriff William Honsal: April 9 media availability FAQ. Watch here
- Today’s COVID Minute with Humboldt Bay Fire. Watch here

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/