

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 22, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases: 802,583 (+26,490)** (3,981 probable)
- **Total deaths: 44,575 (+2,817)** (5,862 probable)

**Total jurisdictions includes 50 states, District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin Islands.

STATE:

As of April 21:

- **35,396 positive cases (+2,135)**
- **1,354 deaths (+86)**

Approximately 308,700 tests have been conducted. At least 292,906 results have been received and 7,200 are pending.

California Health and Human Services Agency is releasing this information as an [open dataset](#). This includes dashboards for [hospital data](#) and statewide case statistics. See the [county level data](#).

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES:

Daily Press Conference: Governor Gavin Newsom provides an update to the State's response to COVID-19. [Watch here](#)

Governor Newsom Announces Plan to Resume Delayed Health Care that was Deferred as Hospitals Prepared for COVID-19 Surge [Full PR](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

April 22 Update: Message from [Superintendent Tony Thurmond](#)

Tune in to CNN tomorrow morning, 4/23 at 9:40am PST: Thurmond will join John King Live to discuss how COVID-19 has impacted California's students.

LOCAL:

No New Positive Cases for April 22

No additional cases of COVID-19 were confirmed today. Humboldt County's total number of positive cases stands at 52 since the outbreak began.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "The success of social distancing emphasizes how powerful prevention strategies can be. Facial coverings are an important tool for us to have on board when we begin to ease shelter-in-place restrictions on businesses and services and bring more people in the community into contact with each other."

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

- Contact to a Known Case: 23
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 9
- Under Investigation: 0

Daily COVID-19 case report for April 21

- Total number of positive cases: 52
- Total number of hospitalizations: 3
- Total number of recovered cases: 50
- Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 1,138

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 662

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and commercial labs)

The Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 750 tests and can process about 60 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 to 72 hours.

April 22, 2020 - Case Information Now Available Regionally

Beginning today, the Humboldt County Joint Information Center will release geographic information about confirmed COVID-19 cases on a weekly basis.

After gathering weeks of statistics, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich has determined the case count has reached the minimum public health threshold required to release this additional information about the location of cases.

Positive cases will be reported from three regions:

- Northern Humboldt, which extends south from Humboldt County's border with Del Norte County to Highway 299.
- Greater Humboldt Bay Area, which extends south from Highway 299 to Highway 36.
- Southern Humboldt, which extends south from Highway 36 to Humboldt County's southern border with Mendocino County.

Currently, Humboldt County has 9 cases in Northern Humboldt, 40 cases in the Greater Humboldt Bay Area and 3 cases in Southern Humboldt.

This geographic information will be provided every Friday for the duration of the incident.

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT NEWS

COVID-19 Dialogue to be Broadcast Live Thursday

Humboldt County residents are encouraged to view a live dialogue between Sheriff William Honsal, County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich and Deputy Health Officer Josh Ennis, "The Economy, the Surge and What's Next for Humboldt County," on Thursday, April 23, from 6-7:30 p.m.

As part of this dialogue, officials will discuss steps Humboldt County must take before beginning a phased reopening of our community. The discussion will be joined and moderated by Lost Coast Outpost Editor Hank Sims.

Topics will include:

- Necessary steps to begin reopening businesses and services
- Expanding testing capacity, disease surveillance and contact investigations
- Preparing for medical surge
- Public health risks of reopening the economy
- Public safety and enforcement of regulations.

This type of phased reopening seeks to save lives by controlling spread of the virus to the extent possible and preventing crisis-level impacts to the health care system, while also allowing some non-essential services to resume operations with limitations. Prolonged closure of most businesses comes with significant long-term risk as does reopening these services without a robust response plan in place.

Thursday's broadcast will also include discussion of data modeling provided by the California Department of Public Health that outlines a range of possible scenarios for COVID-19 trajectory in Humboldt County.

County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "Our community has done a great job adhering to social distancing measures. However, we fully expect an increase in cases as we ease shelter-in-place restrictions. Our goal this Thursday is to communicate clearly about steps we'll need to take to keep community members safe while allowing for greater movement."

Also to be discussed is the state's roadmap to reopening, recently announced by Governor Newsom. Local officials will share progress made toward the state's goals, which include expanded testing, preventing infection in higher risk groups, sufficient capacity of hospital beds and supplies, progress in developing therapeutic treatments, support for schools and businesses to implement physical distancing and developing protocols for reinstating stay-at-home orders if needed.

Sheriff Honsal said, "Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our community. We are dedicated to getting Humboldt County back to work, with a response plan that takes into account the health of the public. I encourage all members of our community to watch or listen to Thursday's dialogue."

The community can view the event live at:

- Access Humboldt's YouTube Page
- Access Humboldt Channel 10
- WAVE7 (Southern Humboldt WAVE subscribers)
- Listen at KZZH-LP 96.7.

Please join this broadcast to find out how you can be a part of the effort.

Facial Coverings to Become Mandatory Starting Friday

The Humboldt County Health Officer has issued a Health Order requiring the use of facial coverings to further manage the spread of COVID-19. The order will be in effect starting at 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 24, and until it is modified or rescinded by the Health Officer.

The Order states people must wear a facial covering before they enter:

- Any indoor facility except for their own residence
- Any enclosed space
- Any outdoor space where individuals are unable to maintain at all times a distance of six feet from others.

Local retailers are offering facial coverings for sale, some of which are listed below. Please call ahead to check availability.

- Bubbles – 1031 H St., Arcata – 707-822-3450
- North Coast Co-Op – 811 I St., Arcata – 707-822-5947
- North Coast Co-Op – 25 Fourth St., Eureka – 707-443-6027
- Left in Stitches – 905 I St., Fortuna – 707-617-2540
- Organic Grace – 906 Redwood Drive, Garberville – 707-923-1296
- River Song Natural Foods – 80 Country Club Drive, Willow Creek – 530-629-3148
- NOVID-4Me – www.novid4me.com – Online orders only; Arcata-based business

[For more information](#)

FEATURED VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

April 22, 2020 | The COVID Minute - [Mental Health Resources](#)

DHHS Behavioral Health Director Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT, talks about mental health resources in Humboldt County.

April 22, 2020 | Media Availability - [Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week

The Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory staff have been working tirelessly through the COVID-19 response. Thank you all, and Happy Medical Laboratory Professionals Week!

[Check out video.](#)

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