

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – April 23, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases: 828,441 (+25,858)** (4,211 probable)
- **Total deaths: 46,379 (+1,804)** (5,922 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 22:

- **37,396 positive cases (+2,000)**
- **1,469 deaths (+115)**

Approximately 482,097 tests have been conducted.

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:

**Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order Empowering Schools to Focus on COVID-19 Response and Transparency.** [Full PR](#)

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

**Governor Newsom Announces Additional Relief for Californians Impacted by COVID-19**  
[Full PR](#)

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

**In case, you missed it:** State Superintendent Tony Thurmond joined John King Live on CNN to discuss how COVID-19 has impacted California's students. [Watch here](#)

**Part Four: Distance Learning Innovations in Special Education—Addressing Mental Health and Behavior.** [Watch here in case you missed it](#)

**Weekly Newsletter:** The CDE's English Learner Support Division is releasing a weekly Distance Learning newsletter for parents that will focus on a different subject area or theme each week. Issue 3: April 17, 2020 is available [here](#), along with other English Learner Updates: A Spanish version is coming soon.

## LOCAL:

### No New Positive Cases for April 23

Humboldt County's case report remains at 52. No additional cases were confirmed today.

*Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "A day without new cases is good news. At the same time, we continue to coordinate with Humboldt County's medical community to plan for the increase in cases we will see as we ease shelter-in-place restrictions."*

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: 1,180

Total number of people tested by all other sources: 673

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

The Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 1000 tests and can process about 60 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 to 72 hours.

## **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT NEWS**

**April 23, 2020 - Frequently Asked Questions on Requiring the Use of Facial Coverings.**

[Updated FAQ can be found here.](#)

**COVID-19 Dialogue to be Broadcast Tonight Beginning at 6 p.m. [Watch live stream here.](#)**

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](http://www.novid4me.com) – Online orders only; Arcata-based business

[For more information](#)

### **FEATURED VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**

**April 23, 2020 | The COVID Minute - [Supervisor Estelle Fennell](#)**

In today's COVID Minute, Supervisor Estelle Fennell talks about the mandatory facial covering order going into effect Friday, April 24 at 12:01 a.m.

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