

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – May 8, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 1,219,066 (+25,253)**
- **Total deaths: 73,297 (+2,495)**

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

### STATE:

- **62,512 positive cases (+3,697)**
- **2,585 deaths (+173)**

Approximately 875,272 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

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

**Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order on Extending Deadlines Impacted by COVID-19**

The executive order extends deadlines for certification requirements for public school project inspectors who previously passed an initial evaluation, as well as Certified Access Specialists who ensure compliance with disability access in properties and businesses. [Full PR](#)

**Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Protect Public Health by Mailing Every Registered Voter a Ballot Ahead of the November General Election.** [Full PR](#)

**Governor Newsom Releases Updated Industry Guidance.** [Full PR](#)

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond hosted the first Virtual Support Circle for Educators yesterday to reach out and hear directly from front-line educators at schools across California. Guests included one of California's 2020 Teachers of the Year and others who provided special presentations on educator resources and mental health and wellness.

[Read more here](#)

[View the video here](#)

The Power Point slides used during the presentation will be posted [here](#)

**LOCAL:****No New Cases yesterday or today**

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

- Contact to a Known Case: 24
- Travel-Acquired: 20
- Community Transmission: 11
- Under Investigation: 0

**Daily COVID-19 case report for May 8**

- Total number of positive cases: 55
- Total number of hospitalizations: 5
- Total number of recovered cases: 52
  
- Total number of people tested by Public Health Laboratory: 1,939
- Total number of people tested by all other sources: 1,009  
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health and commercial labs)

The Public Health Laboratory currently has a capacity of approximately 1,350 tests and can process about 65 samples a day with an approximate turnaround time of 48 to 72 hours.

**Positive cases by region:**

- Northern Humboldt: 9
- Greater Humboldt Bay Area: 43

- Southern Humboldt: 3
- Males: 45%
- Females: 55%
  
- Mean age: 46

A total of 2,948 county residents have been tested for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Humboldt County's testing rate of 2,153 per 100,000 residents is slightly higher than the estimated state rate of 2,110 per 100,000. The estimated national rate is 2,460 per 100,000 people.

The rate of confirmed cases in the county stands at 41 per 100,000 residents, with the state rate nearly four times higher at an estimated 156 cases per 100,000. The estimated U.S. rate of confirmed cases is 382 per 100,000 people.

## **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT NEWS**

### **OptumServe Testing Site Open For Business**

You can register for a COVID test using this [link](#) or by calling 888-634-1123

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

### **May 8, 2020 | The COVID Minute - [Mad River Community Hospital](#)**

Mad River Community Hospital's Chief Compliance Officer Pamela Floyd gives an update from the hospital.

**Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich and Sheriff William Honsal held a virtual press conference** yesterday, May 7, 2020, to discuss the county's movement into Stage Two of the State's Stay at Home order and what that means for local businesses. In case you missed it, [watch here](#).

### **May 7, 2020 | The COVID Minute - [COVID-19 Testing](#)**

In today's COVID Minute, Dr. Teresa Frankovich talks more about the COVID-19 Community Testing Site at Redwood Acres.

## **HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Check out our [COVID webpages](#) for latest information