

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 2, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 2,679,230 (+54,357)**
- **Total deaths: 128,024 (+725)**

***35,475,589 tests have been conducted. The national positive test rate has risen from 5.2% to 9% in the past three weeks.**

*40 jurisdictions report more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 240,195 (+7,538; 1.7%)**
- **Deaths: 6,163 (+73, 1.2%)**

***4,338,718 tests have been conducted.**

ICYMI: New state restrictions for counties on Monitoring List

Effective July 1, certain counties must close all bars, some beach parking, and indoor business operations due to risk of infection. This applies to counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days. These closures will remain in place for at least 3 weeks. Learn more and see [what can be open in each county](#).

Note: Humboldt County is **NOT** currently on the County Monitoring List, and as such is not affected by these new restrictions.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

During his press conference today, Governor Gavin Newsom [announced a massive new “Wear A Mask” public awareness campaign](#), including video ads, billboards across the state, social media assets for agencies to use, and more. He also elaborated on what “strike teams” responsible for enforcement will look like, but reiterated a desire for cooperation and collaboration rather than punitive enforcement throughout the state. [Watch here](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Application for COVID-19 Disaster Relief**

The California Department of Education (CDE) is providing program operators, including, school districts, county offices of education, charter schools, residential childcare institutions, and private schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO), and Summer Food Services Program (SFSP) which have sites that have been temporarily closed and/or meals served have been reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, a reimbursement to offset fixed expenses, such as salaries and benefits, that continue to accrue during the temporary closure, pursuant to the 2020 Budget Act, Sec 118. [Learn More about this Program](#)

Interview with Superintendent Thurmond: What will the future look like?

State Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond appeared on ABC 7 Bay Area on Thursday afternoon, primarily discussing what things will look like when schools reopen in the fall. Watch the full half-hour interview [here](#). (The interview starts at about the 2-minute mark.)

LOCAL:**July 2: Two New Cases Today**

Humboldt County's confirmed COVID-19 case count rose to 138 after two additional cases were reported today. Of the 138 residents who have tested positive, more than 60 percent contracted the virus through contact with a known case.

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

[Humboldt County Dashboard for today](#)

Daily COVID-19 case report for June 30

- Total number of positive cases: 138 (+2)
- Total number of recovered cases: 123 (+8)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 16 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Public Health Laboratory testing Information

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,100 tests
- Testing capacity: 70 samples per day
- Positivity Rate: 3.1%

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

In today's Humboldt Health Alert, County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich reinforced the state message that despite this being a three-day holiday weekend, large gatherings should be avoided and cancelled.

"I think we can all agree that spending time with friends and family in-person would be great, but we're just not there yet," she said.

"Any time two households get together, there's an increased risk of exposure. In fact, we are currently seeing a significant increase in cases due to visiting occurring between extended family members. We are also seeing cases related to individuals visiting households in other counties," Frankovich said. "Again, we are at a crossroads. If we do not adhere to prevention practices, we are soon going to see increasing cases locally. We can keep each other safe by staying local and staying within our household groups."

Note: The Humboldt County COVID Call Center will be closed Friday through Sunday in observance of the Fourth of July.

VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

June 30, 2020 | Media Availability – [Dr. Josh Ennis](#)

Dr. Ennis answers questions about waiting time and turnaround time at OptumServ test site and safety surrounding the July 4th holiday.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Given that school bus capacities may be limited due to social distancing requirements, SRTS anticipates that more students may be walking or biking to schools where in-person instruction is happening, HCOE is partnering with the Safe Routes to School Task (SRTS) Force to begin building a webpage of resources for when students return to school. [Check it out](#), and check back often as we add more resources.

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