

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 8, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 2,982,900 (+50,304)**
- **Total deaths: 131,065 (+932)**

\*41 jurisdictions report more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 289,468 (+11,694: 4%)**
- **Deaths: 6,562 (+114: 1.7%)**

\*4,996,175 tests have been conducted.

### Join California Health Corps

Healthcare professionals have the opportunity to play a critical role in responding to COVID-19. [Find more information](#) on how to register and help Californians in your region.

### GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

Watch today's [press conference](#) and update on California's response to COVID

Young adults who think 'they are invincible' increasingly infected by coronavirus, Newsom says. [Read LA Times article](#)

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CDE is filing a declaration in support of the CA Attorney General's lawsuit against President Trump and Betsy DeVos, who are trying to redirect tens of millions of CARES Act dollars away from our most vulnerable students to the benefit of private schools. [News release from AG here.](#)

### **SSPI Hearing to Explore Public Private Partnerships to Fund Student Support Services (Friday, July 10, 2020, 10 a.m. to noon)**

State Superintendent Thurmond is bringing together legislators, foundations, and public agencies to explore how public private partnerships can assist in the expansion of education

funding for student support services. The focus of this hearing is to discuss ways to support more restorative justice, social emotional learning, and de-escalation programs by maximizing and braiding existing state, federal, and foundation dollars.

The event will be streamed on Facebook Live on the CDE Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CAEducation>.

## LOCAL:

### **July 8, 2020 - Three New Cases Reported Today**

Three additional Humboldt County residents have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing to 157 the total number of residents who have contracted the virus. Six additional people tested positive but were here visiting family and friends and do not reside in Humboldt County. These six cases are not included in the county's total.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich pointed out that although these cases will not be reflected in the total case count, they further emphasize the need to adhere to safety measures, including maintaining social distancing and postponing or canceling non-essential travel.

“Each one of us can make choices to lessen the impacts of this pandemic,” Dr. Frankovich said. “Each one of us can choose to wear a facial covering when we leave our household. Each one of us can choose to stay home rather than attend a celebration or gathering. Our community is resilient when we work together, and that commitment to each other has never been more important than it is now.”

**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 July 8**

- Total number of positive cases: 157 (+3)
- Total number of recovered cases: 134 (+1)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 16 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 12,098

**Public Health Laboratory testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,000 tests
- Testing capacity: 70 samples per day
  - 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 4.3%\* (+0.7%)  
\*over past week

**VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER****July 8, 2020 | The COVID Minute- [Planning for Emergencies](#)**

Greg Waters, Planning Section Chief with the Humboldt County EOC, talks about how the section functions to support and unite policy makers and agencies across the county during COVID-19 and future emergencies.

**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.