

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 15, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 3,416,428 (+60,971)**
- **Total deaths: 135,991 (+773)**

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 347,634 (+11,126: 3.3%)**
- **Deaths: 7,227 (+140)**

**\*5,793,276 tests have been conducted.**

### **New Statewide & County Closures**

Effective immediately, California closes some indoor business operations statewide and additional indoor operations in counties on Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days.

Statewide indoor closures include restaurants, bars and breweries, wineries & tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums, and cardrooms. County indoor closures include fitness centers, places of worship, indoor protests, offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops, and malls. County closures apply to counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days. [Learn more.](#)

### **GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES**

Protect yourself from scammers pretending to be your local public health department. Public health employees will NOT ask for your social insurance number, financial information or your immigration status.

[californiaconnected.ca.gov](https://californiaconnected.ca.gov)

Hear Governor Newsom's update for today.

[Californians Have the Power to Keep CA Healthy](#)

#COVID19 isn't going away anytime soon and it's up to all of us to keep CA healthy.

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands.

- Physically distance.
- Avoid mixing with people outside your household.

### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

- State Superintendent Tony Thurmond will join State Senator Mike McGuire, CTE Foundation CEO Kathy Goodacre and Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Steve Herrington for a special virtual town hall tonight to discuss reopening schools, budget impacts and social justice.

**When: Tonight, Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/300004017854321/>

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zO6MKKAZTFC5e\\_rG\\_ICpGg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zO6MKKAZTFC5e_rG_ICpGg)

- In case you missed it, last night State Superintendent Tony Thurmond joined CNN's Chris Cuomo on Cuomo Prime Time to speak about California's efforts to support schools as they navigate school reopening decisions in the near future. [Watch the segment here.](#)
- ICYMI: [Virtual media check-in with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, 7/15](#)

### **LOCAL:**

#### **July 15, 2020 – Eight New Cases Reported Today**

Eight new cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 175 the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich noted the inherent risk associated with travel during a pandemic and the potential for increased spread locally. In fact, eight recently diagnosed cases were determined to have been acquired through travel to an area outside of the county.

“Any travel is risky right now, not just to the traveler but to our entire community,” Dr. Frankovich said. “We’ve seen several clusters that started with a single person or group of people acquiring the virus through travel. Right now the safest thing to do is to postpone or cancel travel whenever possible.”

**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 15**

- Total number of positive cases: 175 (+8)
- Total number of recovered cases: 144 (+2)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 16 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 13,026

**Public Health Laboratory testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 1,800 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 2.2%\* (-0.1%)  
\*over past week

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY NEWS**

Encroachment Permits Allow Businesses to Operate Outdoors. [Full Release](#)

**VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**

July 15, 2020 | Media Availability - [Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

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