

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 22, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- Total cases 3,882,167 (+63,028)
- Total deaths: 141,677 (+1,047)

### STATE:

- Positive cases: 413,576 (+12,807)
- Deaths: 7,870 (+115)

**6,664,419 tests have been conducted in California.  
Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.4%**

The 12,807 new cases reported today mark a new record high for California.

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### **Newsom gives update on state efforts to secure supply of PPE**

Governor Gavin Newsom held his COVID update press conference Wednesday from a warehouse in Sacramento where Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), explaining in detail the state's efforts to secure a reliable supply of masks and other supplies. He also continued to emphasize how important it is to stay vigilant and do what we can to stop the spread of the virus in light of the record-setting number of new cases today. [Watch the video here.](#)

### **ICYMI: State guidance for safe reopening of schools**

Last week the California Department of Public Health released new guidance for the safe reopening of in-person learning at schools. Schools may open if they are in a county that has been off the County Monitoring List for 14 days and follow strict health and safety requirements, including masks, symptom checks, and switching back to distance learning when required.

Read: [CDPH Release](#) | [Full CDPH Guidance Document](#) | [County Data Monitoring Chart](#)

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****WATCH: Superintendent Thurmond and Dr. Karen Korematsu discuss fighting for justice.**

The latest in CDE's webinar series on ethnic studies in the virtual classroom featured Superintendent Tony Thurmond and Dr. Karen Korematsu discussing advocating for justice and and equity in the classroom. Dr. Korematsu is the daughter of late civil rights icon Fred Korematsu. [Watch the Video here.](#)

**Upcoming Webinar:****Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 1 p.m.: Closing the Digital Divide Task Force Hearing**

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and leaders of the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force will continue discussions on how to meet the digital needs of our students. The hearing will focus on strategies on how to prepare for distance learning when school opens from the stand point of devices and being digitally prepared as well as provide an update on where we are on our campaign to get more digital devices.

The event will be broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/CAEducation>.

**LOCAL:****July 21, 2020 – Five New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at exactly 200 cases, after five additional cases were reported today. The county alert level remains at Level 2. View [the County Dashboard](#) for details on what the alert level means. One bit of good news is that the County 7-day average Positivity Rate dropped from 4.5% to 3.9%.

Dr. Frankovich called reaching the dubious milestone unfortunate but foreseeable, given that Humboldt County was the first rural county in the nation to confirm a case, back on Feb. 20. She reminded the public to continue to be vigilant in doing what we can to slow the spread – wear masks, wash hands, and maintain social distance from those outside our own households.

**Daily COVID-19 case report for July 20**

- Total number of positive cases: 200 (+5)
- Total number of recovered cases: 160 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 13,983

**Public Health Laboratory Testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,150 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate (7-day average): 3.90% (-0.60%)

**Free Testing in Fortuna on Tuesday, July 28**

On Tuesday, July 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., free COVID-19 testing will be available at the Gene Lucas Community Center in Fortuna. Call 707-268-2503 to schedule an appointment. Please note: This site is recommended for those who are not experiencing symptoms.

To make an appointment at OptumServe, call 888-634-1123 or visit [LHI.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting). If you are experiencing the symptoms associated with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider.

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:****Video from Humboldt Joint Information Center**

COVID Compliance: [6 Rivers Brewery](#)

**COVID Guidelines for Agriculture and Livestock**

Humboldt County Agricultural Commissioner Jeffrey Dolf said Cal/OSHA and the California Department of Food and Agriculture have created specific guidance for the agriculture and livestock industry related to COVID-19. [Read about it here.](#)

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION****Superintendent Hartley Joined ACSA Panel on Wednesday**

Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris Hartley was invited to join the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) “Legislative Lunch Break” on Wednesday to talk about the status of reopening plans and the needs of both educators and families here in Humboldt County. [Watch the video here.](#)

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