

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 23, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases 3,952,273 (+70,106)
- Total deaths: 142,755 (+1,078)

STATE:

- Positive cases: 425,616 (+12,040)
- Deaths: 8,027 (+157)

**6,778,304 tests have been conducted in California.
Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.6%**

The 157 deaths reported today mark a new record high for California. This comes on the heels of a record number of daily cases reported yesterday.

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Governor's Press Release regarding the new state supply of PPE

The Governor's Office issued a press release to share information about the procurement of 420 million masks for distribution throughout the state. Read the press release [here](#). Watch the video of Wednesday's press conference [here](#).

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CDE/CDPH Guidance for Child Care Programs & Providers

The California Department of Public Health has issued Update Guidance for child care programs and providers. View the document [here](#). View more CDE/CDPH COVID resources [here](#).

REWATCH: Closing the Digital Divide Task Force Hearing

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and leaders of the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force continued their ongoing discussions on how to meet the digital needs of our students. The hearing focused 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. [Watch the video here](#).

Upcoming Conferences/Webinars

CDE will host a pair of webinars on **Tuesday, July 28**. Connection/registration information for both conferences can be found [on the CDE "Tuesdays @ 2" Webinar Series page](#).

- **11 a.m. – Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans**
- **2 p.m. – Nutrition Town Hall**

LOCAL:**July 23, 2020 – Three New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 203 cases, after three 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.

Daily COVID-19 case report for July 23

- Total number of positive cases: 203 (+3)
- Total number of recovered cases: 166 (+6)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 14,216

Public Health Laboratory Testing Information

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,800 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
 - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate (7-day average): 3.80% (-0.10%)

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. If you are experiencing the symptoms associated with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider.

Free Face Masks and Hand Sanitizers for Small Businesses

Thanks to a contribution from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Office of the Small Business Advocate, face masks and hand sanitizers are available at no cost to small businesses in Humboldt County through the Arcata Economic Development Corporation. They will be distributed at locations throughout. [More information available here](#).

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

Media Availability for July 23: [Deputy Health Officer Dr. Josh Ennis](#)

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**ICYMI: 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.