

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 24, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases 4,024,492 (+72,219)
- Total deaths: 143,868 (+1,113)

With today's new cases, the national case total passes the 4 million mark.

STATE:

- Positive cases: 435,334 (+9,718)
- Deaths: 8,186 (+159)

6,915,876 tests have been conducted in California.

Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.5%

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Governor Announces New Supports for California Workers

Governor Gavin Newsom today announced a host of new safeguards for California workers who face the greatest risk of COVID-19. In addition to support for workers, including agricultural and farmworkers, to isolate and quarantine, Governor Newsom unveiled a robust education campaign for workers and employers. He also committed to working with the Legislature and key stakeholders to expand critical protections like paid sick leave. [Read the full release.](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Digital Divide Task Force Identifies Resources, Partnerships for Distance Learning Support

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond and leaders serving on the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force identified new resources and partnerships today to support California schools preparing for distance learning this fall. The task force, co-chaired by Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino), has been working since April to help equip all California students with computing devices and connectivity as schools prepare for the new academic year. [Read the full release.](#)

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 24, 2020 – Two New Cases Reported Today; Alert Level Raised to 3

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 205 cases, after two additional cases were reported today. The county alert level **was raised to Level 3** due to recent increases in case counts per 100,000 residents as measured over a 14-day period.

Although the increase does not place us on the state's County Monitoring List, which would trigger additional business closures and modifications, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich expressed concern over this recent trend and said it needs to change.

"It becomes increasingly important right now that people are actually helping by using facial coverings, social distancing, hand sanitizing and staying close to home," Dr. Frankovich said. "In order to bring our case rate down, protect our community and allow us to remain off the county monitoring list, we really need to cooperate as a community and drop those numbers."

View [the County Dashboard](#) for details on what the alert level means.

Daily COVID-19 case report

- Total number of positive cases: 205 (+2)
- Total number of recovered cases: 172 (+6)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 14,376

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): 4.0% (+0.20%)

Testing Update from Humboldt County Joint Information Center

The Humboldt County Joint Information Center announced today that the Redwood Acres OptumServe testing site is completely booked through July 31. As an alternative, they encourage members of the public to take advantage of upcoming free testing opportunities at two locations. Call 707-268-2503 to book an appointment for the following dates:

- **Tuesday, July 28 – Fortuna’s Gene Lucas Community Center**, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, August 3 – Arcata Community Center**, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ICYMI: 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 the area. [More information available here.](#)

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

Media Availability for July 24: [County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

ICYMI: 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.](#)

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