

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 27, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- Total cases 4,163,892 (+64,582)
- Total deaths: 145,982 (+969)

### STATE:

- Positive cases: 460,550 (+25,216)
- Deaths: 8,445 (+259)

State numbers compared to Friday's data

**7,296,578 tests have been conducted in California.**

**Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.5% (no change from Friday)**

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### **Governor Announces New Funds, Task Force for Central Valley**

During his Coronavirus update on Monday, Governor Gavin Newsom announced new funding and the creation of a Task Force to help support the hard-hit Central Valley. [Watch the full address here.](#)

### **Governor Announces CDPH “Employer Playbook” for Reopening**

On Friday Governor Newsom also announced that the California Department of Public Health has released a new document titled, “COVID-19 Employer Playbook for a Safe Reopening,” designed to help California businesses as they prepare to reopen. [Download the Playbook.](#)

### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Thurmond Reminds Educators of Learning Loss Mitigation Funds**

In Friday's Weekly CDE COVID update, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond took the time to remind educators that \$5.3 billion in Learning Loss Mitigation Funds are available to help districts affected by COVID-related school closures. Read the statement [here](#). Learn more about Learning Loss Mitigation Funds [here](#).

**ICYMI: Digital Divide Task Force Identifies Resources 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 27, 2020 – 12 New Cases Reported Since Friday; Alert Level Raised to 3**

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 217 cases, after 12 additional cases were reported over the weekend. The county alert level remains at Level 3.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich pointed out that the long-term impacts of COVID-19 are unknown even for relatively healthy people. "We've seen many positive cases associated with gatherings of friends and related to travel," Dr. Frankovich said. "I'd ask everyone to consider their own health and the health of their loved ones, especially those who are medically vulnerable before getting together with friends. It's vital that we all do what we can to limit spread of this virus."

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

**Daily COVID-19 case report**

- Total number of positive cases: 217 (+12 since Friday)
- Total number of recovered cases: 184 (+12)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 14,661

**Public Health Laboratory Testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,700 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate (7-day average): 3.80% (-0.20%)

**Mendocino County to go on State Watch List Tuesday**

The California Dept. of Public Health (CDPH) informed Mendocino County Officials that the county will officially be added to the State COVID-19 Watch List on Tuesday, which means, among other things, that schools must use distance learning until such time as the county has been off of the list for two weeks. [Read the Mendocino County News Release.](#)

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:****ICYMI: PPE Available to Small Businesses This Week**

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.](#)

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