

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 29, 2020

NATIONAL:

- Total cases 4,339,997 (+59,862)
- Total deaths: 148,866 (+1,194)

STATE:

- Positive cases: 475,305 (+8,755)
- Deaths: 8,715 (+197)

7,517,466 tests have been conducted in California.
Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.4% (-0.1%)

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATE

Newsom Announces New Actions to Strengthen Unemployment System

On Wednesday Governor Newsom announced a series of actions to better serve workers that have experienced job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the formation of an Employment Development Department (EDD) strike team, and a renewed focus on processing unpaid claims. [Read the Press Release.](#)

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Watch: Superintendent Thurmond Virtual Media Check-in

A video of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond's media check-in on Wednesday is now available on the CDE Facebook Page. [Watch it now!](#)

ICYMI: CDE Unveils New Distance Learning FAQ for Educators

On Tuesday the California Department of Education unveiled a new web resource of Frequently Asked Questions related to Distance Learning pursuant to Ed Code 43500-43511. [View the FAQ.](#)

Later this week, CDE will also release the **Learning Continuity Plan Template, Instructions, and Guidance** in addition to an FAQ for LEAs. The template is intended to support the planning that districts are already doing as they prepare to begin another academic year and hold to the promises of the Local Control Funding Formula. *The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the LCAP for the 2020-21 school year.*

**ICYMI: Learning Loss Mitigation Funds Available –
Can Be Used for Distance Learning Infrastructure**

In last week'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. *These funds can be used to help close the digital divide respective to distance learning.* Read the statement [here](#). Learn more about Learning Loss Mitigation Funds [here](#).

Upcoming CDE Webinars

Thursday, July 30 at 10 a.m.: U.S. EPA Let's Clear the Air: Using Ventilation Practices to Promote Healthy IAQ in Schools. [Register here.](#)

Tuesday, August 4 at 2 p.m.: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans Part II
This is the second part of the CDE's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans series. Connection/registration information can be found [on the CDE "Tuesdays @ 2" Webinar Series page.](#)

LOCAL:**July 29, 2020 – Seven New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 228 cases, after 7 additional cases were reported on Wednesday. The county alert level remains at Level 3. Travel in and out of the county and gatherings of friends and family continue to be significant drivers of new infections, according to Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich.

"Many of the places local residents are traveling to or having visitors from are experiencing much higher rates of COVID-19 infections, which makes interacting with someone who is ill with COVID more likely," she said.

View [the County Dashboard](#).

Daily COVID-19 case report

- Total number of positive cases: 228 (+7)
- Total number of recovered cases: 184 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 14,961

Public Health Laboratory Testing Information

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,600 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
 - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate (7-day average): 3.50% (no chg)

Videos from the Humboldt County Joint Information Center

Media Availability for July 29: [Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

The COVID Minute (El Minuto COVID): Areli from the JIC gives [an update on Spanish Speaking Services – video en español](#)

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