

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 4, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases: 4,698,818 (+49,716)**
- **Total deaths: 155,204 (+733)**

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 519,427 (+4,526)**
- **Deaths: 9,501 (+113)**

**8,305,713 tests have been conducted in California**

### GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

- **ICYMI: Monday Press Conference: Newsom Gives Cautiously Optimistic Update**  
In his Monday press conference, Governor Gavin Newsom shared that the state is seeing “early good” signs in its recent COVID trends – total cases are down 21% and hospitalizations are down 10% -- but cautioned Californians to stay vigilant. Watch the full press conference [here](#).

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Special Virtual Meeting for LEAs: Closing the Digital Divide**  
State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, CDE, and the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force will hold a special webinar on **Wednesday, August 5 at 11 a.m.** for school leaders to learn more about how they can acquire computing devices for students and plan for distance learning this fall. Watch this webinar live [on the CDE Facebook page](#).
- **Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans**  
On Friday the CDE released the template and instructions for the new Learning Continuity Attendance Plan. This plan replaces the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020-2021 school year. The template, instructions, and more information are available [here](#).
- **Related Webinars: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans**  
In support of this new requirement, CDE is holding a series of Webinars. The first was last week, but several more are planned in the next two weeks. View the schedule and registration information [here](#).

## LOCAL:

### **August 4, 2020 – Nine New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's total case count now stands at 245 after nine new cases of COVID-19 were reported today.

Of the 245 cases, 126 people contracted the virus through contact with another known case, 67 acquired it through out-of-area travel and 34 were a result of community transmission. Eighteen cases remain under investigation.

[Humboldt County Dashboard](#)

**The following information is based on the most recent data available for all confirmed cases:**

### **Daily COVID-19 case report**

- Total number of positive cases: 245 (+9)
- Total number of recovered cases: 189 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 15,782

### **Overall Alert Level: 3**

Follow local and state health orders and guidance.

- Level 1 New Normal - Cases are somewhat sporadic, and contact tracing can be used to control the virus. Take every day enhanced precautions.
- Level 2 Moderate Risk - Moderate number of cases with majority of cases from a known source. Increase efforts to limit personal exposure.
- Level 3 High Risk - Many cases with conditions for community spread, with many undetected cases likely. Limit everyday activities to increase safety.
- Level 4 Very High Risk - Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.

### **Public Health Laboratory Testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,500 tests
- Testing capacity: 85 samples per day

- 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 3.5% (+0.1%)

**VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**

August 4, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Dr. Stephanie Dittmer](#)

In today's COVID Minute, local physician Dr. John Sullivan talks about the importance of delaying in-person gatherings.

August 4, 2020 | [El minuto COVID Minute – Dr. Stephanie Dittmer](#)

En el minuto COVID de hoy, la Doctora familiar local Stephanie Dittmer habla sobre el crecimiento reciente en casos y la importancia en demorar reuniones en persona.

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