

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 6, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 4,802,491 (+53,685)**
- **Total deaths: 157,631 (+1,320)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 529,980 (+5,258)**
- **Deaths: 9,869 (+166)**

***8,500,463 tests have been conducted.**

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- **Connecting School Leaders to Available Devices**
 - California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond has been working with the Digital Divide Task Force to find ways bring technology to those in need as most California schools being the year with distance learning. This week CDE issued a press release outlining a new partnership with Apple and T-Mobile, as well as reminding educators about the \$5.3 billion in one-time funding to help schools invest in technology. CDE also hosted a series of webinars related to distance learning. The press release can be read in full [here](#), and the videos are available in the [CDE Facebook Video Library](#).
- **Upcoming Webinars**
 - Next week CDE will be hosting a pair of webinars focused on the new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, which replaces the traditional LCAP for this year.
 - Tuesday, August 11, 11 a.m.
 - Thursday, August 13, 2 p.m.

Zoom registration information for both webinars can be found on the [CDE "Tuesdays at 2" webpage](#).

LOCAL:

August 6, 2020 – 25 New Cases Reported Today

Twenty-five additional cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 280 the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus. This is the largest increase in cases recorded in a single day, only one day after the county reported double digit cases for the first time.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich noted that much of this increase in numbers is related to two case clusters, one in a non-cannabis agricultural setting and another centered in Hoopa. She is working closely with the K'ima:w Medical Center and has also reached out to the California Department of Public Health and the California Office of Emergency Services in anticipation of a possible need for additional support.

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

[Humboldt County Dashboard](#)

Daily COVID-19 case report

- Total number of positive cases: 280 (+25)
- 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: 16,004

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 everyday 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 2,300 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 5.90%* (+2.0%)
*over past week

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

Free Testing in Fortuna on Monday, Aug. 10

Free COVID-19 testing will once again be available at the Gene Lucas Community Center in Fortuna on Monday, Aug. 10. Call 707-268-2503 to schedule a test.

Dr. Frankovich Releases Letter Addressed to Parents

This week County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich released a letter specifically addressed to parents of Humboldt County students, aiming to answer some questions about returning to school, and outlining how the situation would change should Humboldt County find itself on the California state watch list. Read the letter [here](#).

VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

August 6, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Supervisor Estelle Fennell](#)

In today's COVID Minute, 2nd District Supervisor Estelle Fennell talks about COVID-19 in the agriculture industry and resources locally available to workers.

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