

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 10, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,023,649 (+165,053 since Friday)**
- **Total deaths: 161,842 (+2,955 since Friday)**

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 554,160 (+24,180 since Friday)**
- **Deaths: 10,359 (+348 since Friday)**

**\*8,998,353 tests have been conducted.**

### GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

In his press conference on Monday, Governor Newsom warned Californians that President Trump's executive order extending unemployment payments is expected to cost the state \$700 million a week, which would require cuts in other areas during an already-difficult budget situation. He also discussed the COVID testing data glitch that came to light last week.

[Watch the full press conference.](#)

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **CDE Wants to Hear About Your Distance Learning Successes!**

*From a recent CDE newsletter:* So many of our teachers already have succeeded and innovated in this space, and we want to help amplify your experiences. Teachers, please take a moment to share your best practices and successes in this short survey: <https://forms.gle/mxq8b3MMbUfFuAsG7>. We may include what you've provided in our next guidance document for school districts and reach out to you to share your stories on social media.

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

- **Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m.** – Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Resources & Tools  
[Registration Information](#)

- **Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2 p.m.** – School Nutrition Town Hall #5 – Q&A Regarding Best Practices  
[Registration Information](#)
- **Thursday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.** – Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Q&A Session  
[Registration Information](#)

## LOCAL:

### **August 10, 2020 – Seven New Cases Reported Since Friday; Three False Positives Removed**

Seven new cases of COVID-19 were recorded since Friday. Three previously reported cases tested at an outside laboratory were determined to be false positives and have been removed from the overall case count. This means that Humboldt County's total number of residents confirmed to have contracted the virus has increased by four and now stands at 286.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said that the outside lab discovered a problem with an entire specimen run and did repeat testing on the specimens that had been reported out as positive. This repeat testing yielded negative results. Two of the three individuals requested an additional round of testing at our local Public Health Laboratory, which again affirmed the negative results.

**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: 286 (+4)
- Total number of recovered cases: 233 (+20)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 19 (2)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 17,306

### **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 2,150 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 3.3%\*  
\*over past week

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:****State Releases Guidance on Youth Sports; County Seeks More Information**

The Office of the California Governor and California Department of Public Health recently released guidance on youth sports, but left key questions unanswered. The Humboldt County Joint Information Center (JIC) is working with the state to clarify requirements. Read the full release [here](#).

**VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER**

August 10, 2020 | [The COVID Minute - Dr. Join Luh](#)

In today's COVID Minute, St. Joseph Hospital radiology oncologist Dr. Join Luh talks about the safety and importance of maintaining regular screening and simple steps to keep yourself safe when visiting doctor's offices.

August 10, 2020 | [Media Availability – Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

Dr. Frankovich discusses the three false positives, reports of a positive test at a nursing home in Fortuna, and issues about COVID-19 and children.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

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