

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 12, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,119,711 (+55,540)**
- **Total deaths: 163,651 (+1,244)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 586,056***
- **Deaths: 10,648***

**Note: Today's case counts include backlogged cases that would have been reported in earlier days and weeks and are not an accurate representation of cases reported in the prior 24 hours. In addition, the difference from yesterday is not reported today as their data is conflicting on different pages.*

9,303,467 tests have been conducted.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

Newsom Laments “Spring Break” Crowd at River, Says Watch List Temporarily Frozen

In his press conference on Wednesday, Governor Newsom shared that it “throws shivers up my spine” to see large crowds at the American River in Sacramento recently, noting that scenes like that can ruin the state’s progress in fighting COVID-19. He also said the state’s County Watch List has been temporarily frozen while the backlog of cases from July 25 gets straightened out. [Watch the full press conference.](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Thurmond to Discuss Supporting Districts with Public Policy Institute President

On Friday at 11 a.m., State Superintendent Tony Thurmond will join Public Policy Institute of California president Mark Baldassare for a discussion on how the state can support school districts during this time. Learn more or register to watch [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

- **Thursday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m.** – Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan – Q&A Session
[Registration Information](#)

LOCAL:

August 12, 2020 – Six New Cases Reported Today

Six additional cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 299 the total number of Humboldt County residents who have contracted the virus.

Of the 299 confirmed cases, 161 were contracted through contact with a known case, 70 were acquired through travel and 43 were community transmission. The means of transmission for 25 remaining cases are still under investigation by Public Health's contact tracing teams.

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: 299 (+6)
- Total number of recovered cases: 233 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 19 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 17,840

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: 85 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours
- Positivity Rate: 3.3%*
*over past week

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**Free COVID Testing in McKinleyville on Aug. 17**

Free testing will be available in McKinleyville at Pierson Park on Monday, Aug. 17. The site will provide the less-intrusive anterior nasal swab and will be offered to all ages. Call 707-268-2503 to schedule your appointment.

VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

August 12, 2020 | [Meet the Humboldt County CERT Coalition](#)

This video introduces the you to the Humboldt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

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Check out our [COVID webpages](#) for latest information, as well as a new list of school statuses.