

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 14, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,228,817 (+52,799)**
- **Total deaths: 166,317 (+1,169)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 601,075 (+7,934)**
- **Deaths: 10,996 (+188)**

Numbers may not represent true day-over-day change as reporting of test results can be delayed.

9,556,598 tests have been conducted.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

Newsom’s Friday Press Conference Focuses on Education

Governor Newsom’s press conference on Friday was focused on the status of COVID-19 in California as it relates to K-12 education, and what the state is doing to help move toward the ultimate goal of resuming in-person instruction statewide. [Watch the press conference.](#)

Newsom Gives Learning Loss Mitigation Funds Update; Signs Executive Order Directing State Agencies to Help “Bridge the Digital Divide”

In a press release issued Friday, Governor Newsom announced that every eligible local educational agency in California has applied for and is receiving a portion of the \$5.3 billion in learning loss mitigation funds secured through the state budget he signed in June. The Governor also signed an executive order directing state agencies across government to bridge the digital divide. [Read the press release.](#)

LOCAL:

August 14, 2020 – Seven New Cases Reported Today

Seven new cases of COVID-19 were reported today, bringing to 309 the total number of county residents who have tested positive for the virus.

The county has recorded 76 new cases since Aug. 1, and three new hospitalizations this week. Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said the recent rate of infections and

new hospitalizations emphasize the need for all county residents, businesses and organizations to work together to limit spread of COVID-19.

“Early on, the impact of this virus was much higher in heavily populated areas but we are now clearly beginning to see an increasing impact in rural America, including Humboldt County,” Dr. Frankovich said. “Public Health, the Emergency Operations Center and all community partners continue their work to increase testing capacity, expand contact tracing and support the health care system, but ultimately Humboldt County residents are really the most critical response team for this pandemic. Everyone doing their part to limit spread will help to keep transmission rates manageable and protect our community.”

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: 309 (+7)
- Total number of recovered cases: 242 (+1)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 20 (+1)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Daily Test Total: 210 | 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 9,900 tests
- Testing capacity: 100 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours
- Seven-Day Positivity Rate: 3.6%

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**Free COVID Testing in Arcata on Aug. 24**

Free testing will be available at the Arcata Community Center on Monday, Aug. 24. 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.

OptumServe COVID Testing Next Week

The OptumServe site in Eureka has openings for COVID-19 testing next week from Tuesday and Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 888-634-1123 or visit humboldt.gov.

VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

August 14, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Dr. Corrine Frugoni](#)

In today's COVID Minute, Humboldt County Family Physician Dr. Corinne Frugoni talks to the community about the three simple steps to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

August 14, 2020 | [Media Availability – Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

Humboldt County Director of Public Health Dr. Teresa Frankovich answers media questions, many of which are on the topic of HSU students returning to the area.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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