

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 17, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,382,125 (+153,308 since Friday)**
- **Total deaths: 169,350 (+3,033 since Friday)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 628,031 (+26,956 since Friday)**
- **Deaths: 11,242 (+246 since Friday)**

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

9,933,780 tests have been conducted.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATES

Monday Press Conference: Updates on Rolling Blackouts and COVID-19 Backlog and Watchlist

Governor Newsom began his Monday press conference by addressing the rolling blackouts some customers are experiencing during the heatwave, but also spent time addressing the progress on the COVID-19 case backlog and new additions to the county monitoring list. Mendocino County was one of four counties added Monday. [Watch the press conference.](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Guidance Posted for Expanded Learning Grant Funds During COVID-19

CDE guidance has been posted to address questions regarding the use of Expanded Learning grant funds while a school campus is closed for in-person learning. [Read the FAQ.](#)

English Learner Support Division Newsletters

The English Learner Support Division (ELSD) is publishing two newsletters during the COVID-19 school closure: The Distance Learning Parent Newsletter and the English Learner (EL) Updates Newsletter. These formerly weekly newsletters are published monthly starting with the June 2020 issues. View both newsletters [here](#).

LOCAL:

August 17, 2020 – Eleven New Cases Reported Since Friday

Humboldt County's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases now stands at 320, after 11 new cases were reported since Friday.

According to the most recent data, the 20 to 29 age group represents the largest number of cases, at 22 percent or one in five local infections. Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said this group plays an important role in limiting spread of COVID-19.

“Young adults are an important part of our workforce in health care, food service, retail and other industries that our entire community relies on,” Dr. Frankovich said. “If you feel ill, stay home and call your provider or call the Joint Information Center to find out about testing options. It truly takes every one of us to keep our community as safe as possible.”

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: 320 (+11)
- Total number of recovered cases: 263 (+21)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 20 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Daily Test Total: 647 | Total tests conducted: 18,953

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 9,800 tests
- Testing capacity: 100 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours
- Seven-Day Positivity Rate: 3.4%

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.

VIDEOS FROM HUMBOLDT JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

August 17, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Dr. Stephanie Dittmer](#)

In today's COVID Minute, local Family Physician Dr. Stephanie Dittmer talks about the importance of maintaining regular children's vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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