

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 19, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,460,429 (+39,318)**
- **Total deaths: 171,012 (+1,172)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 638,831 (+6,164)**
- **Deaths: 11,523 (+181)**

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

10,140,683 tests have been conducted.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATE

Newsom's Press Conference Focuses on Wildfires, Power Outages

Governor Gavin Newsom's press conference on Wednesday was focused mainly on the many wildfires ravaging the state, and on the rolling power outages some areas have experienced. He also gave an update on current COVID-19 trends, explaining that while numbers have been trending in a positive direction, that trend has slowed in recent days, and vigilance is still needed. [Watch the press conference.](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinar: 2020–21 Instructional Time and Attendance Accounting

Monday, August 24 at 11 a.m.

The Principal Apportionment Policy Office will present a one-hour webinar to provide guidance on instructional time and attendance accounting changes in fiscal year 2020-21 pursuant to Senate Bill 98 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2020). Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

ICYMI: 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.](#)

LOCAL:

August 19, 2020 – Eight New Cases Reported Today

Humboldt County's COVID-19 case count now stands at 333, after eight additional cases were reported today.

Today's alert level stands at three or level orange. Visit humboldt.gov/dashboard to view the county's Alert Level Assessment tool.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit cdc.gov or cdph.ca.gov. Local information is available at humboldt.gov or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

[Humboldt County Dashboard](#)

Daily COVID-19 case report

- Total number of positive cases: 333 (+8)
- Total number of recovered cases: 263 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 20 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Daily Test Total: 352 | Total tests conducted: 19,608 | 7-Day Positivity Rate: 3.0%

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 9,500 tests
- Testing capacity: 100 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours

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 19, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Dr. Caroline Connor](#)

In today's COVID Minute, Family Medicine Specialist Dr. Caroline Connor reminds the community that as fall approaches, it is still important to maintain regular screening and vaccinations and reminds us of simple steps to keep yourself safe when out in public.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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