

NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 20, 2020

NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,506,929 (+46,500)**
- **Total deaths: 172,416 (+1,404)**

STATE:

- **Positive cases: 644,751 (+5,920)**
- **Deaths: 11,686 (+163)**

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

10,227,966 tests have been conducted.

GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATE

California Secures Federal Assistance to Support Response to CZU August Lightning Complex Fire in Santa Cruz, San Mateo Counties

Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that California has secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire burning in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties. [Full Release here.](#)

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](#).

LOCAL:

August 20, 2020 – Nine New Cases Reported Today

Humboldt County's COVID-19 case count now stands at 342, after nine 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: 342 (+9)
- Total number of recovered cases: 277 (+14)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 20 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Daily Test Total: 447 | Total tests conducted: 20,055 | 7-Day Positivity Rate: 2.20%

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: 150 samples per day
 - 24-72 hours

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**Blanket Isolation and Quarantine Orders Improve Contact Tracing**

Public Health's Communicable Disease team today issued blanket isolation and quarantine orders at humboldt.gov/blanketorders to help Humboldt County be better positioned for an increase in new COVID-19 infections. [Full Release Here.](#)

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 | [Media Availability – Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#)

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich answers media questions.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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