

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – August 21, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 5,551,793 (+44,864)**
- **Total deaths: 173,490 (+1,074)**

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 650,336 (+5,585)**
- **Deaths: 11,821 (+135)**

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

**10,329,372 tests have been conducted.**

### GOVERNOR NEWSOM UPDATE

#### **California Secures Federal Assistance to Support Response to SCU Lightning Complex Fire in Santa Clara, Stanislaus 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 SCU Lightning Complex Fire burning in Santa Clara and Stanislaus counties. [Full Release](#).

#### **Governor Gavin Newsom Recorded Facebook Live**

Governor Gavin Newsom joins a local briefing with the state's top fire and emergency management officials and emergency responders battling wildfires across Northern California. [Watch Here](#).

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **Parent Institute for Quality Education Webinar**

Proactively engaging families will be a key to school's success during distance learning. In case you missed it, our parents PIQE offered a back-to-school webinar yesterday designed to help families navigate distance learning and provide helpful resources. State Superintendent Tony Thurmon and Chief Deputy Superintendent Dr. Stephanie Gregson joined. [Watch Webinar](#).

**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 21, 2020 – Three New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's COVID-19 case count now stands at 345, after three additional cases were reported today.

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

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

**[Humboldt County Dashboard](#)****Daily COVID-19 case report**

- Total number of positive cases: 345 (+3)
- Total number of recovered cases: 277 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 21 (+1)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Daily Test Total: 310 | Total tests conducted: 20,365 | 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 9,300 tests
- Testing capacity: 150 samples per day
  - 24-72 hours

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:****Residents in Their 20s Make up Largest Positive COVID-19 Case Rate**

The 20-29 age demographic represents the largest percentage of new COVID-19 cases locally, reflecting a national trend, at 22 percent or one in five infections, according to the most recent county data. [Full Release.](#)

**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 21, 2020 | [The COVID Minute – Dr. Stephanie Dittmer: Mask Types](#)

In today's COVID Minute, local Family Physician Dr. Stephanie Dittmer talks about different mask types and the effectiveness of masks with valves. A Spanish version of this video is available [here](#)

August 21, 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.