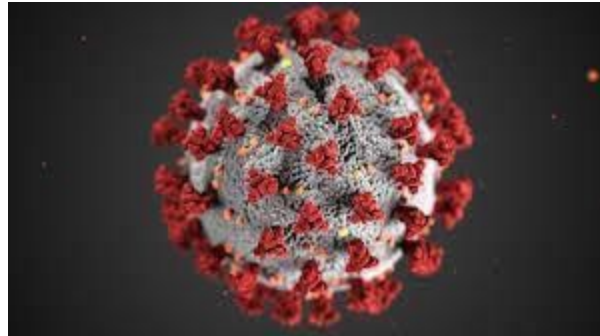


The 6 p.m. Report: COVID-19 in Del Norte and Curry counties

July 21, 2020



Our 6 p.m. report continues, with the latest data we could round up for July 21, 2020. Our last report was Monday, July 20.

New! Percentages

Readers have asked for percentages as a way of interpreting the data. It is difficult to have exact percentages, in part because we don't have access to the very latest population numbers. Also, some people are tested multiple times (such as health care professionals). However, this rough data is interesting:

As of reports available to us on July 21:

National - 15.34% of population tested; 9.24% of tests positive; 3.01% of people with positive tests died.

California - 16.29% of population tested; 6.13% of tests positive; 1.94% of people with positive tests died.

Oregon - 8.16% of population tested; 4.17% of tests positive; 1.87% of people with positive tests died

Del Norte County - 11.88% of population tested; 2.06% of tests positive; no deaths

Curry County - 3.68% of population tested; 1.19% of tests positive; no deaths

New cases, Del Norte and Curry

Both Curry and Del Norte counties have reported new positive COVID-19 cases since our last report:

DEL NORTE

As of the latest report from Del Norte County Public Health at 8:22 a.m. on July 21, there were two new confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported, bringing the total of active cases to six. One of the cases was travel-acquired and the other was exposed to a known case at a private gathering. Both cases are self-isolating at home and close contacts have been placed on quarantine.

New confirmed COVID-19 cases: 2

Current Hospitalizations: 0

Testing

Total tests: 3303

Total confirmed cases: 68

Total active cases: 6

Total inactive cases: 62

Total hospitalizations: 2

Total deaths: 0

Transmission

Contact to a Known Case: 48 cases (71%)

Travel-Acquired: 2 cases (3%)

Community Transmission: 17 cases (25%)

Under Investigation: 1 cases (1%)

Gender

Males: 35 cases (51%)

Females: 33 cases (49%)

Age Range

0-17 years: 17 cases (25%)

18-49 years: 37 cases (54%)

50-64 years: 10 cases (15%)

65+ years: 4 cases (6%)

Other data

Mean Age: 33

Symptomatic Cases: 40 cases (59%)

Asymptomatic Cases: 28 cases (41%)

Passive Case Finding: 26 cases (38%)

Active Case Finding: 42 cases (62%)

CURRY

Curry County Public Health this afternoon received notification this afternoon from Curry General Hospital of One new case of COVID-19, bringing the county's total active cases to four with seven recovered cases (a total of 11 overall).

The new case is the spouse of a confirmed case that was reported on Saturday, July 18. Both individuals have been home self-isolating and have been instructed to continue to self-isolate and monitor symptoms.

Public Health Administrator Sherrié R. Ward said her office will reach out to anyone suspected of exposure to this case.

“As a reminder it is important that we all follow the OHA and CDC guidelines and Governor’s directives about social distancing, wearing facial coverings in public buildings and protecting yourselves by staying home to slow the spread and save lives,” she said.

The latest testing numbers reported of July 19 showed a total of 843 tests have taken place, of which 834 were negative. There have been no COVID-19 related deaths or hospitalizations reported in Curry County. Note: this latest case is not included in our percentages because related updated testing data is not available at this time.

More information is available HERE: <https://currypublichealth.com/home>

ABOUT OUR REPORT

Our late afternoon report, Monday through Friday, is part of our effort to provide the communities served by the Curry Coastal Pilot and Del Norte Triplicate with the latest relevant information about COVID-19.

Although the communities we serve are in two different counties and two different states, residents frequently travel to neighboring communities for work and shopping. The virus is not contained by city, county or state boundaries. And we all need to know the rules at play in the jurisdictions we might visit.

Unless there is urgent information that must be shared, we plan to make just one post daily with the best information we can gather — and compile what is relevant for our Friday print editions.

If you have a suggestion for information you would like to see in this daily (Monday through Friday) report, please send an email to: piloteditor@countrymedia.net.

Unfortunately, all jurisdictions do not report information in the same format, so some information has not been provided for us to share:

CALIFORNIA

California, updated July 21, 2020:

Tests reported — 6,536,932

Total cases — 400,769

Total deaths — 7,755

California's positivity rate – a key indicator of community spread – is trending upward in the 14-day average.

Hospitalization rates are also trending upward in the 14-day average.

On July 13, California imposed some restrictions statewide, including Del Norte County. This included shutting down indoor dine-in restaurants and bars. In other counties, especially in Central and Southern California, further restrictions are in place. There are now 33 counties on the state's "watch list" with greater restrictions. However, no county north of Glenn County is on the list. Get the latest information about rules for various counties online [here](#).

OREGON

COVID-19 has claimed seven more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 269, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. today.

Oregon Health Authority reported 299 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 as of 12:01 a.m. today, bringing the state total to 15,139.

Note: This tally was received prior to the new case reported in Curry County. Oregon's other new cases are in the following counties: Baker (2), Benton (1), Clackamas (15), Clatsop (3), Columbia (1), Coos (1), Deschutes (7), Douglas (3), Harney (2), Hood River (4), Jackson (5), Jefferson (8), Josephine (2), Klamath (1), Lake (1), Lane (3), Malheur (18), Marion (40), Morrow (10), Multnomah (67), Polk (3), Umatilla (59), Union (2), Wasco (1), Washington (32), and Yamhill (8).

More Oregon information is available [here](#).

Pelican Bay State Prison

Although Pelican Bay State Prison is in California, employees live in both Del Norte and Curry counties. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation maintains a website with the latest information about efforts to control COVID-19 at facilities throughout the state, including PBSP, and updates data regularly for both staff and inmates [here](#).

As of information available at the time of this posting, there been no reports of confirmed positive tests of Pelican Bay inmates and only two confirmed positive employees, both of whom were reported to have recovered and returned to work.

Unless something changes at Pelican Bay, we will discontinue providing detailed information about CDCR in this report, but it is available at the link above.

Across the country

The Centers for Disease Control keeps tab on COVID-19 across the country.

Information updated on July 21, 2020, showed:

Total cases — 3,819,139 (57,777 new cases since yesterday's report)

Total deaths — 140,630 (473 deaths since yesterday's report)

Centers for Disease control information is [here](#).

Around the world

The World Health Organization publishes a regular situation report with a great amount of detail about COVID-19 around the world.

The July 21, 2020, report is [here](#).

Of 14,562,550 cases worldwide, a total of 213,637 were reported since our report yesterday. Of 607,781 deaths, 4,083 were reported since our report on Friday.

About COVID-19

Basic information about COVID-19 is available at the Centers for Disease Control website.

What you need to know:

Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Symptoms may include:

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

This website has a handy self-checker questionnaire.

Testing — updated!

Del Norte County provides a website [here](#) with information about testing, which includes some options for Oregon residents, as well as California residents. As of today, the information may seem a little dated, but it's a good start if you would like to be tested.

CVS Pharmacy in Crescent City also provides testing, appointment required, for California residents only. Information here.

In Curry County, check this website for testing information. Also the State of Oregon has a new website to assist you in finding testing (does not include California locations). <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>