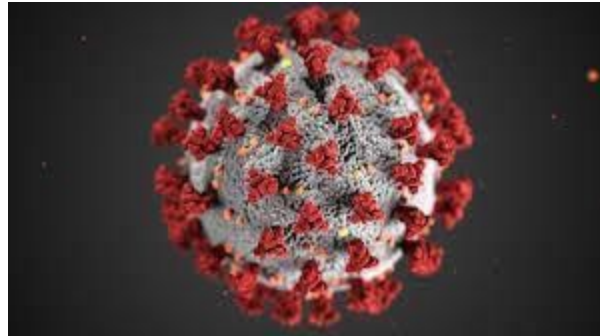


The 6 p.m. Report: COVID-19 in Curry and Del Norte counties

August 3, 2020



Our 6 p.m. report continues, with the latest data we could round up by about 4 p.m. on Aug. 3, 2020. Our last report was Friday, July 31.

The Short Report

Since our report at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 31, there was one report late Friday of two new cases in Curry County and a report mid-afternoon today of a new confirmed positive in Del Norte County. And no additional cases among staff or inmates at Pelican Bay State Prison have been reported. See details below.

Del Norte County

Here's a new tool of interest to Del Norte. It allows you to select a given county and look at data and trends.

There was one new positive case of COVID-19 reported to Public Health today. This new case is travel-related and is self-isolating at home. Close contacts have been identified and are quarantining. We continue to encourage our community to follow precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 by employing proper hand hygiene, following social distancing, wearing face coverings in public, and staying home when possible.

New confirmed COVID-19 cases: 1

Current Hospitalizations: 0

Total tests: 4719 (148 more than Friday's report)

Total confirmed cases: 89

Total active cases: 1

Total inactive cases: 88

Total hospitalizations: 2

Total deaths: 0

Transmission

Contact to a Known Case: 49 cases (55%)

Travel-Acquired: 3 cases (3%)

Community Transmission: 37 cases (42%)

Under Investigation: 0 cases (0%)

Gender

Males: 50 cases (56%)

Females: 39 cases (44%)

Age Range

0-17 years: 19 cases (21%)

18-49 years: 51 cases (57%)

50-64 years: 15 cases (17%)

65+ years: 4 cases (5%)

Mean Age: 35

Other Data:

Symptomatic Cases: 44 cases (50%)

Asymptomatic Cases: 44 cases (50%)

Passive Case Finding: 46 cases (52%)

Active Case Finding: 43 cases (48%)

The county's latest data is available [HERE](#).

New! The Centers for Disease Control has a way to view county stats.

Curry County

On Friday night, July 31, we reported that Curry County had two more non-residents visiting the county who tested positive for COVID-19 at Curry General. These were the first known cases reported since July 27 and from our best understanding of cases reported by Curry County Public Health, these were cases 13 and 14.

Just before 4:30 p.m. today, the agency updated its Facebook page to show five active positive cases and nine recovered cases — a total of 14.

It also shows 1,035 completed tests and 1,021 negative cases, along with zero deaths. This was 48 more tests than were reported on the last day that metric was updated on Facebook, July 29.

Curry County Public Health has not responded to our requests for information about the number of positive staff cases from Pelican Bay State Prison who are Curry County residents. Latest info here: <https://currypublichealth.com/>

New! The Centers for Disease Control has a way to view county stats; many from Curry County are too low to calculate.

Pelican Bay State Prison

As of about 4 p.m. today, the CDCR report for Pelican Bay continued to show no inmate cases; as reported yesterday, inmates have been tested. Some results are in, increasing the testing count for Del Norte County, but so far no positives.

CDCR's report this afternoon continues to show only 26 staff with positive cases and 18 returned to work.

CDCR's suspension of intake from county jails has been extended to Aug. 9. The department also announced coordination with the Federal Receiver to identify 100 vacant beds at each institution that can be used for immediate isolation and this process is underway at PBSP.

The prison continues to monitor staff and inmates and reports of testing are provided to the appropriate public health agencies. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation updates its website regularly to show activity of the virus; there will be a lag between the website reporting and that reported by local health agencies, so numbers may not always match. For information go [HERE](#).

California

Interestingly, the total number of new cases in California over the last 14 days dropped since data reported Friday, from 127,424 new cases to 123,363, and the positivity rate for testing dropped from 7.2% to 7.0%.

123,363 new cases (last 14 days)

307.4 per 100K

514,901 total cases

1,694 new deaths (last 14 days)

4.2 per 100K

9,388 total deaths

1,770,158 tests reported (last 14 days)

7.0% test positivity

3.2 daily per 1,000 residents

8,184,696 total tests reported

Note: Some people, particularly medical personnel, have been tested multiple times.

There are still 38 (out of 58) counties on California's "Watch List," created to track jurisdictions with higher incidence of the virus and other factors. If a county is on the "Watch List" for three or more days, additional restrictions are put in place. The most northern counties on the list are Sonoma, Glenn and Butte.

California County Watch List <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>

Oregon

Since Friday, COVID-19 claimed six more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 328.

In the same period, a total of 887 new confirmed and presumptive cases were reported by Oregon Health Authority, bringing the state total to 19,366.

Curry County's cases reported Friday night were not showing in OHA county totals released as of today.

Oregon now has a weekly report showing daily increase and lower positivity for COVID-19. Positivity in this respect means the percentage of people who test positive for the virus of those tested overall.

The Weekly Report, shows that during the week of July 20–26, 42,452 people were tested for COVID-19 in Oregon, and 5.1 percent of them had a positive result, down from 6.6 percent last week. (For comparison, California's latest positivity, shown elsewhere in this report, is 7.5%).

Oregon updates are available [here](#).

United States

4,649,102 Total Cases

154,471 Total Deaths

[More info here.](#)

Worldwide

17,918,582 confirmed cases

686,703 confirmed deaths

[More info here.](#)

Great for those who want more data!

We've discovered two additional information resources we think will be helpful to people in our area.

Curry County, Oregon: This website provides a way to look at each county in Oregon and get the latest published date.

Del Norte County, California: This website provides a way to look at current data in California, down to the county level, as well as forecasts and scenarios based on modeling.

Because these websites seem to provide a great deal of detail with more precision than we can manage, we are discontinuing our percentage calculations at this time. Data on these websites may vary a bit from local data due to reporting time gaps.

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:

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

Fever or chill

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

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>