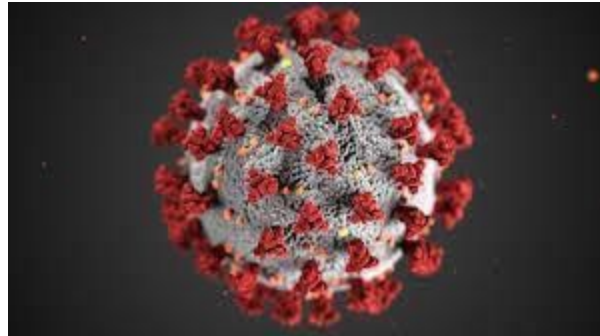


The 6 p.m. Report: COVID-19 in Del Norte and Curry counties

July 29, 2020



Our 6 p.m. report continues, with the latest data we could round up for July 29, 2020. Our last report was Tuesday, July 28.

The Short Report

This report includes information available as of about 4 p.m. on July 29. Not all data is available in the same form from various jurisdictions.

Del Norte County

Here's a new report of interest to Del Norte. It shows by California county the average number of tests per day (per 100,000 population) (7 day average with a 7 day lag) — sorry for all the caveats, we didn't make this up!

For that metric, Del Norte is at 140.5 tests (remember, this is averaging; we're not suggesting someone had a half test). Tomorrow we may have time to do some comparisons.

Yay! No new positive cases reported to Public Health today. All new active cases have completed their self-isolation and have recovered.

New confirmed COVID-19 cases: 0

Current Hospitalizations: 0

Total tests: 3466

Total confirmed cases: 88

Total active cases: 0

Total inactive cases: 88

Total hospitalizations: 2

Total deaths: 0

Transmission

Contact to a Known Case: 49 cases (56%)

Travel-Acquired: 2 cases (2%)

Community Transmission: 37 cases (42%)

Under Investigation: 0 cases (0%)

Gender

Males: 50 cases (57%)

Females: 38 cases (43%)

Age Range

0-17 years: 18 cases (20%)

18-49 years: 51 cases (58%)

50-64 years: 15 cases (17%)

65+ years: 4 cases (5%)

Mean Age: 35

Other data:

Symptomatic Cases: 44 cases (51%)

Asymptomatic Cases: 43 cases (49%)

Passive Case Finding: 45 cases (51%)

Active Case Finding: 43 cases (49%)

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

Curry County

Curry County — At about 4:45 p.m. today, Curry County Public Health updated its Facebook page, showing 5 active cases, 9 recovered cases, 987 completed tests, 958 negative cases and zero deaths.

This was an increase of completed tests of 15 since yesterday's report, but otherwise there was no difference in the data.

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

Pelican Bay State Prison

As of about 4 p.m. on July 29, the CDCR report for Pelican Bay continued to show no inmate cases; as reported yesterday, inmates have been tested and results apparently have not been received.

Yesterday the CDCR report showed 27 positive cases among staff and 4 returned to work (total 31); today the report shows 26 positive cases and 15 returned to work (total 41). We have not been able to determine if the "4" we reported yesterday was a typographical error and should have been "14" or if there is some other explanation. At any rate, today's totals indicate that there were 41 total positive cases among staff at PBSP — all but two apparently discovered by state testing.

Results of inmate testing will be reported to Del Norte public health officials.

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

127,672 new cases (last 14 days)

318.2 per 100K

475,305 total cases

1,488 deaths (last 14 days)

3.7 per 100K

8,715 total deaths

1,724,190 tests reported (last 14 days)

7.4% test positivity

3.1 daily per 1,000 residents

7,517,466 total tests reported

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

There has been no change since yesterday on the county "Watch List;" 37 counties are 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

COVID-19 has claimed eight more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 311, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. today.

Oregon Health Authority reported 304 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 as of 12:01 a.m. today, bringing the state total to 17,721.

The new confirmed cases are in the following counties: Benton (3), Clackamas (28), Clatsop (1), Crook (3), Deschutes (16), Douglas (2), Hood River (7), Jackson (13), Jefferson (5), Josephine (4), Klamath (2), Lane (13), Lincoln (2), Linn (1), Malheur (20), Marion (20), Morrow (5), Multnomah (82), Polk (4), Umatilla (4), Union (1), Wallowa (1), Wasco (3), Washington (51) and Yamhill (13).

Also today, Oregon released 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 7.4%).

During that week, OHA recorded 2,241 new cases of COVID-19 infection, an increase from the previous week. In addition, 27 Oregonians were reported to have died, which is a slight increase from the previous week.

Large outbreaks have contributed a diminishing proportion of recent cases, and sporadic cases (those not linked to another case) have increased, consistent with community spread.

Oregon updates are available [here](#).

United States

4,339,997 total cases (59,862 more than reported yesterday)

148,866 total deaths (1,194 new since yesterday's data)

More info [here](#).

Worldwide

16,558,289 cases (215,127 more than yesterday)

656,093 deaths (5,274 more than yesterday)

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 that 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>