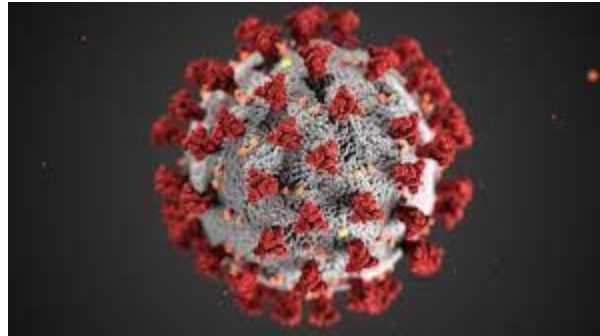


The 6 p.m. Report: COVID-19 in Curry and Del Norte counties

August 7, 2020



Our 6 p.m. report continues, with the latest data we could round up by about 4 p.m. on Aug. 7, 2020. Our last report was yesterday.

The Short Report

Yesterday's we reported that there were no reports of new COVID-19 confirmed positives in either Curry or Del Norte counties (including Pelican Bay State Prison. And that was true at the time we collected the data and made the report, however later in the evening Del Norte reported six new cases and Curry County reported one. And just before 6 p.m. today, Del Norte reported three additional new cases.

We published news articles about yesterday's new reports here: [DEL NORTE](#) and [CURRY](#). Thus far today, we have seen no new report from Curry County — but, as we have learned, this may change. If new cases are reported between the time we publish this report and Monday, we will publish news stories to that effect.

Del Norte

Here is the latest data from Del Norte:

Three (3) new positive cases were reported to Public Health today, bringing the total amount of active cases to eleven (11). All three of the new cases were household contacts of known positive cases and had been directed to test. One of the active cases is currently hospitalized and the rest are self-isolating at home.

New confirmed COVID-19 cases: 3

Current Hospitalizations: 1

Total tests: 4889
Total confirmed cases: 99
Total active cases: 11
Total inactive cases: 88
Total hospitalizations: 3
Total deaths: 0

Transmission

Contact to a Known Case: 53 cases (54%)
Travel-Acquired: 8 cases (8%)
Community Transmission: 37 cases (37%)
Under Investigation: 1 cases (1%)

Gender

Males: 53 cases (54%)
Females: 46 cases (46%)

Age Range

0-17 years: 22 cases (22%)
18-49 years: 55 cases (56%)
50-64 years: 16 cases (16%)
65+ years: 6 cases (6%)
Mean Age: 35

Other Data:

Symptomatic Cases: 52 cases (53%)
Asymptomatic Cases: 46 cases (47%)
Passive Case Finding: 52 cases (53%)
Active Case Finding: 47 cases (47%)

For more information about these numbers please visit our COVID-19 Website
at <http://www.covid19.dnco.org>

The states

Although we haven't continued a daily update of state COVID-19 news, we do include relevant information for both California and Oregon in this report, because there is significant news other than updates in the data.

But we will not repeat what we've already reported for our two counties, except to mention that there has been no change in what's been reported for Pelican Bay all week — no new staff infections and no inmate positive cases at all. For information go [HERE](#).

California

California's COVID-19 death toll from COVID-19 is reported to have topped 10,000, with 103,082 new cases in the last 14 days as the positivity rate dropped from over 7% a week ago to 6.1% today.

However, county officials throughout the state contend that the state's data has been inaccurate and earlier today the Sacramento Bee reported that the chief of California's health agency, Dr. Mark Ghaly, admitted to a data system failure that led to inaccurate case numbers and positivity rates.

According to the Bee, the inaccurate reporting interfered with local efforts to track the spread of the virus and created other problems including disrupting assessments of readiness to open schools.

California now has a backlog of 250,000 to 300,000 disease reports to process, most of which are said to be COVID-19 cases. Ghaly said several efforts are underway to correct the problem and that he is still confident that COVID-19 cases are declining.

California's "county watch" system is dependent on the data. Counties on the watch list for more than three days remain under orders that required some businesses to shut down again. Del Norte and other far-north counties have not been on the "watch list" thus far. It can be viewed online [HERE](#).

Oregon

COVID-19 has claimed one more life in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 348, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. today.

And Oregon released modeling data this week [HERE](#) that indicates that average statewide transmission increased substantially after reopening, then decreased somewhat and is now at the same level as in early May.

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>