

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 20, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- **Total cases 3,761,362 (+205,485)\***
- **Total deaths: 140,157 (+3,219)\***

\*compared to Friday's data

### STATE:

- **Positive cases: 391,538 (+25,374)\***
- **Deaths: 7,694 (+219)\***

\*compared to Friday's data

**6,414,321 tests have been conducted.**

**Current 7-day average of new cases in California: 8,911 (+700 from a week ago)**

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### State guidance for safe reopening of schools

Last week the California Department of Public Health released new guidance for the safe reopening of in-person learning at schools. Schools may open if they are in a county that has been off the County Monitoring List for 14 days and follow strict health and safety requirements, including masks, symptom checks, and switching back to distance learning when required.

Read: [CDPH Release](#) | [Full CDPH Guidance Document](#)

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Late Friday, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond released a statement in support of the new guidelines, saying in part “Today’s guidance from the California Department of Public Health lays out clear metrics for our schools so that they can best understand the conditions that determine when they must close.” [Read the full release.](#)

On Monday CDE hosted a webinar for all stakeholders to provide detailed updates and answer questions on the new COVID-19 guidance for schools as they plan for the upcoming school year. [Watch the Video here.](#)

**Upcoming Webinars:****Tuesday, July 21, 3:00-4:30 p.m.: Ethnic Studies Informational Series: Virtual Classroom Session on Asian American Studies**

The latest in a series of virtual classroom events on ethnic studies. This webinar will feature Karen Korematsu, civil rights advocate and daughter of late civil rights icon Fred Korematsu.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5IbSIXkgSeuGQebWS0DdlQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5IbSIXkgSeuGQebWS0DdlQ)

**Audio Connection Only**

1-669-900-6833 (San Jose)

1-408-638-0968 (San Jose)

1-646-876-9923 (New York)

The event will also be broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/CAEducation>.

**Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 1 p.m.: Closing the Digital Divide Task Force Hearing (**

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and leaders of the Closing the Digital Divide Task Force will continue discussions on how to meet the digital needs of our students. The hearing will focus on strategies on how to prepare for distance learning when school opens from the stand point of devices and being digitally prepared as well as provide an update on where we are on our campaign to get more digital devices.

The event will be broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/CAEducation>.

**SPORTS UPDATE FROM CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION/NORTH COAST SECTION**

On Monday the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), which governs all high school sports in California, issued a press release outlining significant changes to its sports calendar and bylaws for the 2020-2021 school year, and temporarily suspending bylaws that bar students from participating in school sports and club sports at the same time. Following the CIF announcement, the North Coast Section approved and released its own schedule.

**Read the releases:** [CIF](#) | [NCS](#)

**LOCAL:****July 20, 2020 – Eight New Cases Reported Today**

One of today's reported cases marks the first case of community transmission on over a month. Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich noted that while this is the first reported case of community transmission in more than a month, it is important to be mindful that

COVID-19 is circulating within our county. “We have had cases in all regions of our county, and we have people traveling in and out of our county, so it is good to assume that when you are out of your home you may encounter someone with COVID-19. The possibility of this exposure will only increase with time,” she said.

**The following information is based on the most recent data available for all confirmed cases:**

[Humboldt County Dashboard](#)

### Daily COVID-19 case report for July 20

- Total number of positive cases: 189 (+8)
- Total number of recovered cases: 160 (+14)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 13,688

### Overall Alert Level: 2

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 1,950 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate: 4.20%\*  
\*over past week

### OptumServe Testing Update from the Joint Information Center

Due to high demand locally, statewide and nationwide, testing has been delayed. This impacts the availability of open testing appointments through OptumServe. Please continue to check

back to schedule. If you develop symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, contact your health care provider or call the Joint Information Center at 707-441-5000.

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:**

**Videos From Humboldt Joint Information Center**

Media availability – July 20: [Dr. Teresa Frankovich](#) | [Michele Stephens](#)

Walkthrough Tour: [Redwood Acres Alternate Care Site](#)

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Check out our [COVID webpages](#) for latest information.