

## NEWS ALERTS AND UPDATES – July 21, 2020

### NATIONAL:

- Total cases 3,819,139(+57,777)
- Total deaths: 140,630 (+473)

### STATE:

- Positive cases: 400,769 (+9,231)
- Deaths: 7,755 (+61)

6,536,932 tests have been conducted.

Current 14-day Positivity Rate in California: 7.5%

[State COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

### Update on getting haircuts and other personal care services outdoors

New state guidance clarifies what services you can get outdoors. [Hair services](#) are allowed, as are services for skin care, nails, and massage. [Other services](#) which require a hygienic environment (tattooing, electrolysis, piercing) cannot be performed outdoors. Read more in this [Industry guidance](#) document.

### CHHS Secretary Gives Update on COVID-19 in California

California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly hosted a Zoom meeting on Tuesday to provide an update on where California as a whole stands with respect to COVID-19. [Watch the video here.](#)

### ICYMI: State guidance for safe reopening of schools

Last week the California Department of Public Health released new guidance for the safe re-opening 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](#) | [County Data Monitoring Chart \(NEW\)](#)

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****ICYMI: Webinar on COVID-19 Guidance for Schools**

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:****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>.

**ICYMI: SPORTS UPDATE FROM CIF/NORTH COAST SECTION**

On Monday the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), which governs all high school sports in California, announced 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 21, 2020 – Six New Cases Reported Today**

Humboldt County's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 195, after six additional cases were reported today. The county alert level remains at Level 2. View [the County Dashboard](#) for details on what the alert level means.

Dr. Frankovich stressed that while demand on testing has increased, screening for the virus is still a useful public health tool. Noting that some of the recent positive tests have come through the OptumServe site or other commercial labs, she encouraged the public to make an appointment to get tested. To make an appointment at OptumServe, call 888-634-1123 or visit [LHI.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting).

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

- Total number of positive cases: 195 (+6)
- Total number of recovered cases: 160 (no chg)
- Total number of hospitalizations: 17 (no chg)
- Total number of deaths: 4 (no chg)

Total tests conducted: 13,821

**Public Health Laboratory Testing Information**

- Supply capacity: Approximately 2,200 tests
- Testing capacity: 75 samples per day
  - 24-72 hour turnaround
- Positivity Rate (7-day average): 4.50% (+0.30%)

**Free Testing in Fortuna on Tuesday, July 28**

On Tuesday, July 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., free COVID-19 testing will be available at the Gene Lucas Community Center in Fortuna. Call 707-268-2503 to schedule an appointment. Please note: This site is recommended for those who are not experiencing symptoms. If you are experiencing the symptoms associated with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider.

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:****Videos From Humboldt Joint Information Center**

Media availability – July 21: [Sheriff William Honsal](#)

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

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

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