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18 New Cases Reported Today;
Humboldt Remains in 'Orange' Tier

Humboldt County saw 18 additional cases of COVID-19 reported today, and one previously reported case was removed after it was determined to be a false positive. The total number of county residents who have tested positive now stands at 4,152.

The California Department of Public Health today announced that Humboldt County will remain in the "Orange" or Moderate tier under the state's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy," with an adjusted case rate of 9 and a seven-day average positivity rate of 4.2%. Only three California counties fared worse than Humboldt in terms of case rate, and only two had a higher positivity rate.

Humboldt County Public Health will hold three Pfizer first-dose vaccination clinics, starting this Thursday, May 20, with additional clinics planned for Thursday, May 27, and Wednesday, June 2. Clinics are held from 2 to 6 p.m. at College of the Redwoods located at 7351 Tompkins Hill Road in Eureka.

All county residents age 12 and older can receive the Pfizer vaccine. A parent or guardian must accompany minor children and provide written consent for vaccination at the clinic.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. Sign up in advance at MyTurn.ca.gov.

Public health officials urge everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated and emphasize that the vaccine offers the best protection against COVID-19. Vaccines work with the body's immune system to generate antibodies that fight off the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that while contracting the virus may offer some natural protection, the "risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity."

Health officials encourage anyone with questions about vaccination to speak with a trusted medical provider. County residents can also speak confidentially with a Public Health nurse by calling the Joint Information Center at 707-441-5000.

View the Humboldt County Data Dashboard online at humboldtgov.org/dashboard, or go to humboldtgov.org/DashboardArchives to download today's data.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit cdc.gov or cdph.ca.gov. Local information is available at humboldtgov.org or by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

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Check for vaccine availability at a local pharmacy: Vaccines.gov
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