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Eleven (11) new cases: 329 confirmed positive cases for COVID-19 in the CNMI

Eleven (11) additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19. This brings the CNMI total to 329 cases since March 28, 2020.

The individuals were identified and confirmed through contact tracing Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2021. The individuals have been isolated and are actively monitored.

Since Oct. 28, 2021, there have been 38 new cases, of which 30 were identified via contact tracing, 7 were identified via community testing, and 1 was identified via travel testing. Of the newly identified cases, 34/39 (87%) reported experiencing symptoms.

A total of 518 COVID-19 tests were conducted on Oct. 31, and 639 on Nov. 1, 2021, which comprises travel testing and surveillance testing.

The CHCC Communicable Disease Investigation/Inspection team has already initiated contact tracing for the most immediate contacts of the newly confirmed cases, and this effort will continue until all probable cases are identified and tested.

Our contact tracers will reach out to contacts who are deemed high risk. The associated risk of infection depends on the level of exposure, which will, in turn, determine the type of monitoring. Establishing the level of exposure can be difficult and requires investigation.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, etc.) see your provider or call the CHCC Tele-Triage hotline at (670) 233-2067.

Data as of Nov. 2, 2021:

39 active cases (37 community transmission, 2 travel entry)

- Community cases age distribution:
 - 13 (under 12)
 - 4 (12-18)
 - 22 (19 and above)
- No active hospitalizations

A COVID-19 vaccine initial series is the best protection available. Booster/additional doses are available at the Multi-Purpose Center, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Currently, more than 3,000 additional/booster doses have been administered.

Residents are highly encouraged to register for initial COVID-19 vaccinations or booster shots at www.vaccinatecnmi.com, by calling the CHCC call center at (670) 682-SHOT (7468), or registering in person. Free rides to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available.

COVID-19 vaccinations for 5-11-year-olds will be announced as soon as possible.

To register for community-based testing, visit <https://covidtesting.chcc.health>. If no testing locations are available, it means all spots have been filled. No code is required to register for community-based testing.

The CNMI is reminded to watch out for misinformation and to follow updates directly from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the CHCC. The spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself.

View the new CHCC COVID-19 dashboard at <https://chcc.datadriven.health/covid19> (Updates next business day).

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