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Union County COVID-19 Update: Seventh confirmed positive case identified in Union County

Today the Center for Human Development, Inc. (CHD) is reporting one new Union County case of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. The new case brings Union County's total to seven. There have been no COVID-19 related deaths in Union County. Union County's total cases and other information can be found on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) website: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>. This case will be reported on the website today.

This new case was community acquired meaning that the individual does not have a direct epidemiological link to a known confirmed case. This means that the infection was acquired from an unknown source and place in the community. CHD is working to contact and isolate or quarantine those who may have been in close contact with this individual. A close contact is defined as anyone within 6 feet of the individual for more than 15 minutes. If you are identified through this investigation as someone that may be at risk for COVID-19 public health will contact you.

Beginning Friday, June 5, Union County moved into Phase 2 of the reopening process, following updated health and safety guidance. Detailed Phase 2 guidance for all applicable sectors can be found in its entirety at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>. Moving through Phase 2, physical distancing is one of the most effective strategies we have to keep COVID-19 at bay and keep Union County open. Your risk of contracting the virus can be reduced by limiting contact with people outside of your household and maintaining six feet of distance from others when you leave your home. The CDC and OHA are also recommending the use of cloth face coverings when in public and social distancing measures cannot be maintained.

Center for Human Development (CHD) is currently offering free testing to individuals who meet criteria.

-If you have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, fever or chills, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain or body aches, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, we encourage you to get tested.

-If you identify as Black, African-American, Latino, Latina, Latinx, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander, identify as having a disability or if your first language is not English, we encourage you to get tested.

-If you have had close contact with a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or a person determined by a public health authority to be a presumptive case within the last 14 days, we encourage you to get tested.

We encourage individuals who are interested in requesting testing to call **541-624-2179** for more information. No out of pocket cost or insurance required.

Individuals who feel very ill should seek appropriate care. If it is an emergency, call 911. If it is not an emergency but you feel sick enough to need a medical appointment, call your primary care provider. If you don't have a doctor, call 211 for a list of providers near you.

If you need further general information about COVID-19, please visit our webpage www.chdinc.org/covid19 or call 211 or 971-673-1111.