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Union County COVID-19 Update: Five additional new cases identified in Union County

Today the Center for Human Development, Inc. (CHD) is reporting four confirmed positive cases and one presumptive case of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. These new cases bring Union County's total to thirteen (see more details below). These additional cases may be part of a cluster of related cases, often referred to as an outbreak, which public health is currently investigating. 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>. These cases will be reported on the website today.

CHD is working to contact and isolate or quarantine those who may have been in close contact with these individuals. 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. **CHD Public Health staff are making calls now. Some of these calls may look like they come from an unknown number. If you don't answer, they will leave a message. Please call them back as soon as you can.** This process can take time and public health will only call close contacts of confirmed cases. If you believe you have been in close contact with someone that has COVID-19 we encourage you to monitor your symptoms, stay home if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, and seek care if you become ill. If you develop symptoms, contact your primary care provider or CHD to see if testing is recommended. More information on contact tracing can be here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-Contact-Collaborative>

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. 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.

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Total Cases- 13

Confirmed- 12

Presumptive- 1

Recovered- 5

Deaths- 0

** A presumptive case is a person without a positive COVID-19 test result with: an acute illness featuring at least two of the following: shortness of breath, cough, fever, new olfactory or taste disorder, radiographic evidence of viral pneumonia; AND No more likely alternative diagnosis AND Within the 14 days before illness onset, lived in the same household or congregate setting, or had close contact with a confirmed case.*