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COVID-19 Public Health Update

Union County, Oregon — Center for Human Development (CHD) public health reports 2 new cases. This brings the total county cases in the county to 242.

The Union County COVID-19 outbreak is an unprecedented situation that requires an unprecedented response from our community. It is critically important that we all do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including washing our hands frequently, maintaining physical distances, and wearing a face covering when out in public. We are working closely with OHA, Union County Incident Management Team, and many other partners to best protect the residents of Union County. We are still actively investigating and tracing the outbreak and we will continue to provide updates.

The Union County Incident Management Team is in the process of finalizing details for a COVID-19 drive-through testing clinic Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19. The clinic will prioritize testing needs of individuals identified through contact tracing and investigations; mission critical workers such as medical staff, fire and emergency medical services, and law enforcement. Members of the general public wishing to be tested should contact the emergency operations center as indicated below to be screened for testing. Oregon Health Authority testing criteria must be met in order to receive a COVID-19 test. More information can be located here: <http://neojic.union-county.org/>

There are three situations where you must quarantine for 14 days these are:

Confirmed COVID-19 test – quarantine for 14 days from date of test.

Close contact of positive case (within 6 feet for over 15 minutes) – quarantine from date aware of being a close contact – even if a subsequent test comes back negative.

Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. COVID-19 symptoms currently include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

We ask that workplaces support employees who are required to quarantine and not ask them to go to work in these situations. We encourage local employers to make it easy for people to make the choice to stay home by promoting working from home where possible, applying paid sick leave policies liberally and linking employees to any workplace resources available.

People who have mild signs of COVID-19 should stay home, unless the signs of illness are serious enough they would normally seek health care. Call your health care provider before going in. Make a plan for how to be seen, while also avoiding spread of the illness to others.

Individuals who feel very ill should seek appropriate care. If it is an emergency, call 911. For information on when to seek emergency medical attention visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. 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.

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Total Cases- 242

Recovered- 7

Deaths- 0

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