

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: June 18, 2020 Media contact: George Thompson Center for Human Development Public Health 541-624-2176 info@chdinc.org www.chdinc.org/covid19

COVID-19 Public Health Update

Union County, Oregon — Center for Human Development (CHD) public health reports 5 new cases. This brings the total county cases in the county to 247.

COVID-19 screeners will be working again today to schedule appointments for the Friday drive-through testing clinic. Individuals who have been in direct contact with a COVID-19 confirmed case and have not yet been contacted are urged to call in today at (541) 963-1040 between the hours of 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Other individuals encouraged to call in are mission critical workers, coworkers of confirmed cases, and concerned citizens. Tests will be conducted until the supply has been exhausted. 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 <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</u>. 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.

COVID-19 Union County update 6/18/2020

Total Cases- 247 Recovered- 7 Deaths- 0