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COVID-19 Public Health Update

Union County, Oregon — Center for Human Development (CHD) public health reports 6 new cases. This brings the total county cases in the county to 253.

Yesterday the Union County Incident Management Team conducted approximately 400 COVID-19 tests at a drive-through testing clinic in La Grande. The testing clinic will be held again today (Friday, June 19) from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Appointment times are still available. Individuals experiencing symptoms such as 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 are encouraged to contact the call center at 541-963-1040. Screeners will be answering calls today from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If financial concerns are a barrier for individuals receiving a test that need one, please discuss this with the call screener when making your appointment.

Due to the high volume of testing, notifications will be made as quickly as possible. Results are anticipated to be returned and individuals contacted within the next five days. Positive test results are anticipated to be reflected Monday or Tuesday through Oregon Health Authority reporting. 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- 253
Recovered- 7
Deaths- 0

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