Pacific County COVID-19 Status Report #78   **June 24, 2020**

<mark>New information is highlighted</mark>
Local Snapshot
Pacific County Positive Cases: <mark>17</mark>
Pacific County Total Tests: <mark>855</mark>

All counties in WA State have reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, except Garfield County.

For the latest Washington State COVID-19 data please click on the link below:

https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

For the latest PACIFIC COUNTY COVID-19 DATA please click on the link below. The page is very informative and illustrates how we are trying to disseminate information and resources:

https://www.pacificcountycovid19.com/

<mark>Pacific County COVID-19 Case Linked to Seafood Processing Facility</mark>
South Bend, WA – The Pacific County Department of Health and Human Services received notice of an additional positive case of COVID-19. Through contact tracing, this individual was identified as a close contact to the four cases reported on Tuesday, June 22. With this additional case, Pacific County has 17 confirmed positive cases.

As case management and contact tracing continues, one of the previously reported cases is an employee of a local seafood processing facility. The Pacific County Department of Health and Human Services is working with the facility to assess, test, and limit spread of COVID-19. Updates will be forthcoming as available.

The Pacific County Public Health and Human Services Department will continue to investigate recent cases and strongly encourages the public to maintain social distancing by limiting non-essential travel, and practice personal protective measures to include, washing hands often with soapy water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your face, and wearing a face covering in public. For up to date information and guidance about how to keep yourself and your family healthy, please visit: www.pacificcountycovid19.com.
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Statewide Snapshot
WA State Total Positive/Confirmed Cases as of 6/22: <mark>29,386</mark> . WA Total Deaths: <mark>1284</mark>
Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 4 cases, Grays Harbor <mark>23</mark> cases, Lewis County <mark>50</mark> cases, Clatsop County <mark>48</mark> cases
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<mark>Governor Inslee and Secretary Wiesman Announce Mandatory Face Covering Order</mark>
Gov. Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman today announced a statewide mandatory face covering order that will take effect Friday, June 26.

The order comes after a Saturday announcement of a mandatory mask proclamation for Yakima County starting this week. The order was in response to reports of increasing case counts and a potential overwhelming of the county's health care system.

After subsequent reports of cases increasing in additional counties, the governor and Wiesman extended the face-covering requirement today to include the entire state of Washington.

"As necessary economic activity increases and more people are out in their communities, it is imperative that we adopt further measures to protect all of us," Inslee said during a press conference Tuesday. "Until a vaccine or cure is developed, this is going to be one of our best defenses."

Starting Friday, every Washingtonian must wear a facial covering when in a public space, as mandated by the public health order signed by Wiesman. This includes both indoor and outdoor public spaces.

"The science is clear that when we use face coverings, we limit the spread of droplets being passed on to others when we talk, cough or sneeze. While some of us are wearing face coverings in public, we must increase usage to best control the virus. Washington's strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if, together, we act safely and follow health recommendations," Wiesman said.

Read the full story on the governor's Medium page.

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Additional Mask Information from Washington State DOH
Good afternoon! The state Department of Health (http://www.doh.wa.gov/) wants to keep you as informed as possible about continuing developments surrounding COVID-19 as well as guidance and resources you can share with employees, clients, or customers.

It seems like everyone is talking about masks. But how much do we really know about how much a cloth face covering can protect us from COVID-19? So much more than before!

Prior to this pandemic, there wasn't a whole lot of research going on into the benefit of wearing cloth face coverings to prevent COVID-19, which, of course, we didn't even know about until six months ago. Some researchers compared countries that promoted face masks as part of their early response to COVID-19 to countries, like the US, that did not. The countries that promoted face masks ended up with fewer cases than the countries that did not. Research is continuing, and we're still learning more, but here's what the science is telling us now:

- COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not know they have it (yet).
- Having COVID-19 and not having any symptoms feels the same as feeling "healthy" or "normal." The difference is, with COVID-19, you are contagious.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is likely spread by droplets that you exhale when you are normally breathing, as well as when you are talking, singing, coughing or sneezing. These droplets can float in the air and infect people who are near you.
- These droplets are more likely to reach other people if you are within 6 feet in an indoor space with poor ventilation.
- A cloth face covering helps you keep your breath, and those droplets, to yourself. You are even more likely to keep all those droplets to yourself if you are also standing six feet away from other people. And it works even better if the people around you are also wearing cloth face coverings.
- Researchers reviewed the scientific literature looking at the effectiveness of surgical masks and cloth face coverings. They found that the masks and cloth face coverings were effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19—if we wear them! The biggest limitation in their effectiveness was inconsistent mask use.

This means that people who feel healthy need to wear a cloth face covering in public places—especially indoors—and stay at least six feet away from other people.

Wearing a cloth face covering is not at all likely to restrict your oxygen or make you breathe too much carbon dioxide or affect your immune system. If you feel dizzy or light headed, or have trouble breathing, sit down and remove your mask. If it continues, call 911.

The latest numbers are updated on our webpage. As of 11:59 p.m. on June 21, there are 477,204 people in Washington who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 28,870 people (or 6.0%) have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 4,062 people had to be hospitalized, and 1,276 people (or 4.4%) have died of the disease.

Practice compassion. "Everyone shall wear a mask. Those who are not doing so are not showing their independence—they are only showing their indifference for the lives of others." *Sydney Morning Herald*, February 3, 1919. Even before the modern research, people understood that wearing a mask is an act of compassion for others.

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Face Coverings

We can't forget . . .

Masks Can't Do It Alone

✔ Practice physical distancing

✔ Wash your hands

✔ Get tested for any COVID-like symptoms

✔ Stay home If you're sick

Questions, Concerns, Comments: Contact the State . . .
WA State COVID-19 Call Center: 1–800–525–0127
Hours: 6 am-10 pm, seven days a week

Answers to your questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Washington state may be found at https://coronavirus.wa.gov/.