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Positive Test Connected to 13th Covid-19 Case for Pacific County

South Bend, WA –Earlier this week, the Pacific County Department of Health and Human Services received notice of an additional positive case of COVID-19 in Pacific County. This positive case is in addition to the 12 previously reported cases for a total of 13 cases. This individual resides in Pacific County, is asymptomatic, and has been isolated since testing. All close contacts have been quarantined.

Based upon previous guidance, additional testing was required to confirm the positive test. While Pacific County was awaiting confirmation, guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) changed. According to Pacific County Deputy Health Officer Dr. Steven Krager, “CDC is not recommending classifying anyone as a false positive if they have had any positive test (rapid point of care or PCR). Therefore, no matter the number of negative tests done after a positive, we still are calling it a positive, and we will treat it as a positive from a public health perspective.”

Additionally, the State Department of Health has corrected errors in reported negative test results and made changes to how it reports COVID-19 death data. If you would like to know more, please visit these links:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/1246/Statement-from-the-Washington-State-Department-of-Health>

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/data-tables/ChangingCriteriaUsedtoReportDeathsReCOVID.pdf?ver=2020-06-17-151822-090>

The Pacific County Health and Human Services Department will continue to investigate this most recent case 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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