



# PACIFIC COUNTY Emergency Operations Center

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COVID-19 Response

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### **93 Additional Positive COVID-19 Cases in Pacific County**

South Bend, WA - Pacific County Public Health and Human Services has received notice of 94 additional positive cases of COVID-19 in Pacific County. These cases are new since November 18 and are in addition to the 246 previously reported cases for a total of 340 cases. There are currently 141 active cases being monitored by public health nurses, 20 of which are confirmed and 121 are probable. Case investigations and contact tracing are on-going. Probable cases include those who tested positive on an rapid test, confirmed cases include individuals who are PCR positive. Two of the cases are currently hospitalized with all other individuals isolating at home. Case investigations and contact tracing are on-going.

These cases bring Pacific County to an average case rate of 859 per 100,000 population over the past 14 days. We do not report these numbers to cause alarm, but rather to increase awareness of the surge and to remind people to take recommended safety precautions. We strongly encourage the public to limit social gatherings, maintain social distancing of at least six feet between, and practice personal protective measures to include: correctly wearing a mask/face covering in public, washing hands often with soapy water for at least 20 seconds, and avoid touching your face. These safety measures, especially when taken together, can significantly reduce the risk of becoming infected with COVID or for those with COVID, reduce the risk of transmitting it to others.

Finally, due to the recent surge in cases, COVID testing resources have become extremely limited in Pacific County. Because of this, we ask that people access local testing resources only if they are symptomatic or have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. We appreciate your cooperation to help us conserve testing resources in our community!

For up to date information and guidance, please monitor the Pacific County Health and Human Services Facebook page or visit: [www.pacificcountycovid19.com](http://www.pacificcountycovid19.com).

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