



# Pacific County Phase Two Variance Request

# WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

## Modifying Physical Distancing Measures as we Reopen the State

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES



**Phase 1**



**Phase 2**



**Phase 3**



**Phase 4**

### High-Risk Populations\*

Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy

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Resume public interactions, with physical distancing

### Recreation

Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)

Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)

- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people)
- Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)
- Professional sports without audience participation (horseracing, baseball, etc.)

Resume all recreational activity

### Gatherings (social, spiritual)

- None
- Drive-in spiritual service with one household per vehicle

Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week

Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people

Allow gatherings with >50 people

### Travel

Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities

Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities

Resume non-essential travel

Continue non-essential travel

### Business/ Employers

- Essential businesses open
- Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria
- Landscaping
- Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales
- Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only)
- Car washes
- Pet walkers

- Remaining manufacturing
- Additional construction phases
- In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)
- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions)
- Real estate
- Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Hair and nail salons/barbers
- Pet grooming
- Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating)

- Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10
- Bar areas in restaurant/taverns at <25% capacity
- Movie theaters at <50% capacity
- Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Libraries
- Museums
- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people

- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Large sporting events
- Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

\* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

# Required application components

1. Health officer's recommendation to the Board of Health. Documentation of the vote of the Board of Health, including the motion and the vote totals.
2. Letters from all hospitals used by the county certifying their bed capacity for COVID-19 patients and PPE supplies.
3. Documentation of the vote of the county commission, including the vote totals.
4. Summary of:
  - COVID-19 testing site information.
  - Data on median number of days from onset of illness to COVID-19 specimen collection date.
  - Testing data for each of the previous four weeks.
  - LHJ's resources to perform case and contact investigations.
  - Information on isolation and quarantine facilities.
  - Resources for supporting persons in *home* isolation/quarantine.
  - LHJ's capacity to perform outbreak investigations in congregate living situations and workplaces.

# Letter from Public Health Officer



## PACIFIC COUNTY Public Health and Human Services

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5/21/20

Pacific County Board of Health

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The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disease in Washington State. While Pacific County has not been spared, transmission has occurred at a slow rate and many cases were likely infected outside the county. Nine total cases have been reported to Public Health. The County response has been comprehensive, mobilizing a robust team through the emergency operations center, augmenting the critical work of our department and Communicable Disease team.

As part of the response to the pandemic Pacific County Public Health and Human Services has enhanced case and contact investigation capability, increased testing capacity for COVID-19 in the county by hosting drive through testing, and developed a plan to effectively isolate and quarantine known cases and contacts.

As a result of Governor Inslee's Proclamation May 19<sup>th</sup>, more counties are able to apply for a variance that would allow them to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the Reopening Washington Plan. Counties are eligible to apply if they have less than 10 cases per 100,000 residents over the past two weeks. Pacific County has had one case reported in the last two weeks. This is a rate of 4.6 cases per 100,000 residents per 14 days.

Given this lack of evidence of significant current community transmission of COVID-19 in Pacific County, our increase in public health capacity and the ability of our local hospitals to respond to a potential increase in cases with sufficient PPE supplies and bed capacity, I am recommending that Pacific County request a variance that includes all of the Phase 2 modifications in the plan to Reopen Washington.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Steven Krager".

Steven Krager, MD MPH  
Deputy Health Officer, Pacific County

State required COVID -19  
Incidence rate <10 per  
100,000 population

Pacific County rate  
(as of 5/21/2020): 4.6  
per 100,000 (translates to  
1 case in past 14 days)

# Hospitals & Healthcare Capacity

## Ocean Beach Hospital and Willapa Harbor Hospitals certify that they:

1. Have adequate PPE supply for 14 days
2. Have 20% surge capacity to accommodate an increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations
3. Will continue to report daily, including weekends, all data requested by WA Dept of Health
4. No staff person will wear any one N95 respirator or surgical mask for longer than 1 shift and that they are following PPE guidance on re-use or extended use (if applicable)



Date: May 20, 2020  
To: Pacific County Board of Health

Re: Pacific County Hospital District No. 2  
dba Willapa Harbor Hospital

This letter certifies Willapa Harbor Hospital (WHH) as meeting the qualifications set forth in Gov. Insler's Safe Start Plan proclamation issued May 4, 2020 allowing for a variance application to change the Pacific County COVID phase state from phase 1 to phase 2.

Specifically, WHH attests full compliance with the following requirements:

- A current twenty percent surge capacity to accommodate a twenty percent increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations
- A current consistent process of reporting all data requested by DOH into WA HEALTH.
- A current supply of at least 14 days of on-hand PPE, including N-95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gloves, and gowns.
- No staff are using an N95 respirator or surgical mask for longer than one shift
- WHH is following PPE guidance on re-use and extended use in this guidance:  
[https://www.doh.wa.gov/Default.aspx?cid=1106&content=cert\\_ppeuse.pdf](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Default.aspx?cid=1106&content=cert_ppeuse.pdf)

WHH is authorized by the Washington State Department of Health to operate at an inpatient capacity of 25 beds. This licensed capacity exceeds our current average daily census by approximately 23 patients. We currently staff 10 beds. Additionally, WHH has developed a comprehensive surge plan to address a potential patient surge beyond these levels. This plan stratifies COVID patient surge capacity with patient totals (i) as conventional capacity (1), contingency capacity (2), and crisis capacity (3). The trigger for assistance would be 10 hospitalized COVID patients. Alternate Care Facilities have been identified within this comprehensive surge plan with 22 total beds being used dependent on WHH census.

WHH has implemented numerous changes to help limit exposure for potentially COVID-19 positive patients and undiagnosed individuals. WHH has restricted access to the facility by: limiting entry points, severely restricting patient visitation, implementing strict PPE requirements for medical personnel, patients and visitors, offering telemedicine in its clinics, restricting hospital access from outlying campus buildings, and temperature screening all staff, patients and visitors.

WHH is and will continue to adhere to Washington State Department of Health's WA Health system reporting requirements and PPE guidelines, and have plenty of inventory on hand that is well above the potential surge demand.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kempton  
Chief Executive Officer

Frank Hing, MD  
Chief of Medical Staff

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May 22, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics certifies that as of May 20, we are able to comply with the parameters noted below as it relates to able to proceed to "Phase 2" status for Pacific County, WA.

- i. They currently have 20 percent surge capacity to accommodate percent increase in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 hospitalization.
- ii. They are reporting, and will continue to report daily, including weekends, all data requested by DOH into WA HEALTH.
- iii. They have at least a 14-day supply on-hand of PPE, including respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gloves, and gowns; or
- iv. If they are using PPE conservation strategies, they must certify no staff person is wearing any one N95 respirator or surgical r for longer than one shift, and that they are following PPE guid on reuse or extended use in this guidance.

Respectfully,

Larry Cohen, MD  
CEO  
Ocean Beach Hospital

# COVID-19 Testing Capacity

## Drive through testing

- Partnership between the Emergency Operations Center, Pacific County Departments Health, General Admin, DCD, Sheriff, Public Works), South Bend Fire Department, Ocean Beach Hospital, Willapa Harbor Hospital.
- Open to ANYONE with symptoms

Day	Hours	Location
Monday	1:00-4:00	South Bend
Tuesday	1:00-4:00	Long Beach
Wednesday	9:00-12:00	South Bend
Friday	9:00-12:00	Long Beach

## Private Providers

- Hospitals and Clinics conduct testing by appointment
- Shoalwater Clinic has testing available for established patients





# Got Symptoms? Get Tested.

COVID-19 Drive through testing available to ANYONE with symptoms\*. Call the Pacific County EOC to get screened for an appointment. Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00

# 875-9407 or 642-9407

\*Symptoms include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, shaking/chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, and/or nasal congestion

## Median # of days from onset of illness to testing date

Date Positive Test Reported	Positive Case	Days from onset to testing
4/18	Case 002	6
4/19	Case 003	-
4/21	Case 004	1
5/4	Case 005	0
5/4	Case 006	0
5/4	Case 007	0
5/5	Case 008	0
5/8	Case 009	0



# Testing Data (past 4 weeks)

Date	Total Tests	# negative	# positive	% positive	50 x number of Positive
4/18-4/24	46	43	3	6.5%	150
4/25-5/1	44	44	0	0	0
5/2-5/8	33	28	5*	15%	250
5/9-5/15	53	53	0	0	0
Total	176	168	8	4.8%	400

\*All 5 positive tests were identified and linked to an outbreak at a seafood processing facility in Clatsop County

# Contact Investigation Capacity

- Current contact investigation capacity: 2.9FTE (Public Health Nurses)
- Additional capacity available prior to June 15: 1.8 FTE
- Surge capacity plan:
  - Clark County
  - Medical reserve corps
  - Additional health dept staff

# Quarantine/Isolation Housing & Case Management

**Voluntary quarantine/isolation housing** is available for individuals who cannot isolate at home.

- Current capacity is 20 individual units and 4 cabins

**Case management** (also voluntary) to support individuals to stay home while in isolation or quarantine is provided by Care Coordinators at the Health Dept including:

- Grocery shopping
- Pharmacy pick up
- Connections to social services
- Other services that will help the person remain home

# Capacity to Perform Outbreak Investigations

- Daily calls to all congregate living facilities
- Education/outreach to congregate workplaces including all canneries
- Mobile strike team to provide on-site testing at long term care, skilled nursing facilities, and congregate workplaces (if needed)