



Colville Reservation COVID-19 Response

Daily Update

Monday, March 23, 2020

The Washington Department of Health reported at 3 p.m., March 22, that both Ferry County and Okanogan County have no cases of COVID-19 at this time.

In Okanogan County, to date 90 tests have been sent for testing and 37 tests have returned negative results. Currently, there are 53 tests pending a result.

In Ferry County, to date there have been 23 negative tests and 0 positive tests. The number of pending results was unavailable to report at this time.

The Colville Tribal EOC is working with local medical providers to secure personal protective equipment and other supplies. The EOC has established 24-hour triage yurts at EMS stations in Nespelem and Inchelium, as well as triage yurts at Lake Roosevelt Community Health Clinics in Keller and Inchelium. LRCHC yurts will be open during regular working hours at this time.

The EOC has set up roadside reader boards, community boards and online communications for prevention efforts.

The Red Cross recommends these preventative steps:

- Stay home if you can and avoid gatherings of more than ten people.
- Practice social distancing by keeping a distance of about six feet from others if you must go out in public.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets, faucets and countertops.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them - use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

For emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Colville Tribal EOC
509-634-7350

**Washington Department
of Health Hotline**
1-800-525-0127

What you need to know to protect yourself

Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

Know How it Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Take Steps to Protect Yourself

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take Steps to Protect Others

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.