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COVID-19 Reporting

DATE: March 18, 2020
TO: All Thurston County Medical Providers, Hospitals, and Clinics
FROM: Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH, Acting Health Officer, Thurston County
RE: Clarification on Mandated Reporting Requirements for Suspect and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Thank you so much for your support in reporting suspect and confirmed COVID-19 cases to us. As we move forward through this evolving situation, we will continue to provide updated guidance as it is available. The cases we want to receive reports for and are focusing follow-up activities on are those with the highest public health concern. To clarify mandated reporting:

1. All confirmed cases of COVID-19 are **IMMEDIATELY REPORTABLE**.
2. All patients hospitalized with COVID-like illness and awaiting test results for COVID-19 are **IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE**.
3. All patients in clinical settings who have symptoms compatible with COVID-19 awaiting test results are **IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIABLE including:**
 - Patients who work in any setting where healthcare services are delivered (including: hospital, department of corrections, juvenile detention centers, mental/behavioral health clinics, long-term care facilities, and similar)
 - Patients working in other public safety occupations (e.g., law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS)
 - Patients who live or work in an institutional or congregate setting (e.g., corrections, long term care facility, homeless/shelters)
 - Patients working in critical infrastructure occupations (e.g., grocery stores, pharmacist, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, etc.)
4. All other cases are reportable upon confirmation.

Report suspect and confirmed cases to:

- During business hours Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM - Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.
- After hours call immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions to 1-800-986-9050.

Thank you for all you do to care for our community. I appreciate your cooperation at this challenging time.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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THANK YOU FOR REPORTING

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY

Voice mail for reporting non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

Communicable Disease Updates are posted online at: <http://bit.ly/CDUpdatePHSS>