

COVID-19 Reporting COVID-19 Cases, Update for Health Care Providers and Facilities

Requested Action:

- A. Report any deaths where COVID-19 is suspected as cause of death
 - B. Continue to report all confirmed cases
 - C. Continue reporting **suspect cases of high public health importance** including:
 - Hospitalized patients
 - Health care workers
 - Individuals working or living in congregate settings like long term care facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, homeless shelters or encampments, etc.
- 1 Report **SUSPECT or CONFIRMED** COVID-19 cases to the Thurston County Notifiable Disease Reporting Line at 360-786-5470 during regular business hours. After hours contact information follows. If it makes reporting easier you may fax a list with the information to 360-867-2601. Include:
 - Patient name
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Occupation and the **place where the patient works (new information needed)**
 - Date seen and date of symptom onset
 - Date tested and test result and date confirmed
 - Physicians name and contact information
 - Reporter's name and telephone number
 - Have you notified the patient of their test results?
 - Have you directed the patient to isolate at home?
 - 2 Direct patients to isolate at home away from others. Isolation instructions are found in the one-page documents in 4 below.
 - 3 Stress the importance of staying home while sick, practicing 6-foot social distancing, hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
 - 4 Provide patients with a copy of the one-page document best describing the patient's situation:
 - What to do if you have confirmed or suspected coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDcasepositive.pdf>
 - What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDexposed.pdf>
 - What to do if you have symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/COVIDconcerned.pdf>
 - 5 Provide your patient with their test results, we do not have access to them. Tell your patient you will report the result to the Health Department and to expect a call from us. Notify us when the patient has been notified of their test results.



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Background:

The virus causing coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19), emerged in December 2019 and has since spread around the world causing a global pandemic. Eighty percent of cases are reported to be mild, but severe disease and deaths are more common in the elderly (older than 60 years) and in those with underlying health conditions. As of April 13th, there were 10,694 confirmed cases and 543 deaths in Washington State with all but two counties reporting cases. Thurston County has 82 reported confirmed cases and 1 death as of April 14th.

Thank you, our public health partners, for the long, long often unappreciated and unacknowledged hours you are tirelessly spend caring for your patients and working on COVID-19 to lessen its impact on our community and flatten the curve

Resources:

CDC Health care provider guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>

CDC Health care facility guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>

DOH Healthcare provider and facility guidance

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/HealthcareProviders>

Thurston County Public Health <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

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>