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REGARDING: COVID-19 VIRUS

Sixth Positive COVID-19 Test Reported in Stevens County

Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) was notified today, April 8, 2020, of the sixth positive COVID-19 test for Stevens County. This brings the combined total of positive cases for Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties to eight.

The individual who tested positive resides north of Colville and sought medical assistance. NETCHD is notifying potential close contacts and these individuals will be given additional guidance and advised of precautions they should take.

Last week we notified the public of a positive patient who was in critical condition. At the time of this news release, the patient is still hospitalized. The one COVID-19 positive case in Ferry County, one in Pend Oreille County and three Stevens County patients have recovered. The remaining positive patients are safely isolating at home.

As COVID-19 cases in our area increase, our investigations are seeing a common trend relating to exposure, which involve:

- travel or visitation of individuals traveling, to and from out of the area; or
- travel to areas outside the local communities
- interaction with others outside of immediate family when sick with mild symptoms

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Easter is typically a time when family, friends, and loved ones gather. We are urging the public to remain self-quarantined and limit non-essential interaction with only those living in your household. We know that a person can be infected with COVID-19 and be contagious while showing mild or no symptoms. This simple, but important action could prevent the virus from unknowingly infecting your loved ones.

With the extension of the Governor’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order to extend through May 4, we continue to promote this effort. As Governor Inslee stated, “We are yet to see the full toll of the virus in our state and the modeling we’ve seen could be much worse if we don’t continue what we’re doing to slow the spread”.

Within Washington State, as of April 6, 2020, there have been a total of 8682 cases of COVID-19 and 394 deaths. At the time of this news release, in the three-county area of northeastern Washington the numbers are:

Ferry County

- North Ferry County (Republic North): 1 positive case, 0 deaths
- South Ferry County (South of Republic): 0 positive cases, 0 deaths

Pend Oreille County

- North Pend Oreille County (North of Cusick): 0 positive cases, 0 deaths
- South Pend Oreille County (Cusick South): 1 positive case, 0 deaths

Stevens County

- North Stevens County (Addy North): 4 positive cases, 0 deaths
- South Stevens County (Chewelah South): 2 positive cases, 0 deaths

These numbers will be updated on NETCHD’s website: www.netchd.org and Facebook page as positive cases are confirmed, or as additional numbers are provided by the Washington State Department of Health. Weekly updates will be provided in the event there is no change to our numbers.

Resources are available on the Washington State Department of Health website: www.doh.wa.gov and Northeast Tri County Health District’s website: www.netchd.org that cover:

- What to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19
- What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19
- What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19

Call centers have been opened in Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties to residents with questions and concerns surrounding COVID-19

- Pend Oreille County Call Center: 509-447-1988, open Monday – Friday 9 am to 3 pm
- Stevens County Call Center: 509-684-7563, open Monday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm

If you have questions regarding COVID-19 in Washington State you may contact the Washington State Department of Health at 1-800-525-0127 and press #, 6 am to 10 pm, seven days a week.

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