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REGARDING: COVID-19 VIRUS

Second Positive COVID-19 Test Reported in Pend Oreille County

Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) was notified today, April 16, 2020, of the second positive COVID-19 test for Pend Oreille County. Ferry County remains at one confirmed positive, and Stevens County at seven. Many of these confirmed cases have improved and are no longer isolating.

The individual who tested positive, in the greater Newport area, is self-isolating at home. NETCHD is notifying potential close contacts and these individuals will be given additional guidance and advised of precautions they should take.

It is likely we will not see a peak in our tri county areas for another few weeks. Which is why it is crucial we continue to follow the recommended “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order Governor Inslee has extended through May 4.

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 immediate family when sick with mild symptoms

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With COVID-19 being contagious while showing mild or no symptoms at all, staying home, practicing social distancing, along with wearing a cloth mask when going out for essential needs, may prevent unknowingly infecting others. We are asking that the public respect the health and safety of themselves and their communities.

Within Washington State, as of April 16, 2020, there have been a total of 10,783 cases of COVID-19 and 567 deaths. At the time of this press 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): 2 positive case, 0 deaths

Stevens County

- North Stevens County (Addy North): 5 positive cases, 1 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 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 Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties to residents with questions and concerns surrounding COVID-19:

- Ferry County Call Center: 509-775-5225 x 1112, open Monday – Friday 9 am to 3 pm
- 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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