

April 7, 2020

COVID-19 Updates for Providers:

Actions Requested

- **Report positive COVID-19 test results immediately** to Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235
- **Notify Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff within 24 hours of any death associated with a positive COVID-19 test** by calling 360-728-2235
- **Review strategies for optimizing personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies** during ongoing shortages:
 - Washington State Prioritization Guidelines for Allocation of PPE:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEPrioritizationofAllocation.pdf>
 - Washington State PPE Conservation Strategies:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPEConservationStrategies.pdf>
- **Review updated Return to Work Guidance for Healthcare Workers (HCWs) and First Responders (FRs) Who Have Confirmed COVID-19 Infection or Are Asymptomatic with High or Medium Risk Exposures* to a Known Case of COVID-19 (4/2/2020)**
 - Washington State Department of Health Return to Work Guidance
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/HealthCareworkerReturn2Work.pdf>
- **Make sure laboratory specimens sent for testing include current patient address** so that electronic laboratory results will be assigned to the appropriate local health jurisdiction for case investigation
 - Include full patient name, complete current address, date of birth, and phone number
- **Learn about current Coronavirus and COVID-19 trends in Kitsap County** in our weekly Surveillance Report:
 - <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/files/COVID/COVID-WeeklyReport.pdf>

Questions? Please contact our Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235

Background

111 Kitsap County residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 1 Kitsap County resident death has been associated with COVID-19 as of 2 pm Monday, April 6, 2020.

Resources

- CDC guidance for health care providers & facilities: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>
- CDC COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>
- DOH COVID-19 page: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- KPHD COVID-19 page: <https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/CoronaVirus.php>