

June 12, 2020

COVID-19 Updates: Testing Guidance, 24-hour CDC Hotline, and Kitsap Data Dashboard

Actions Requested

- **Be aware of updates to the Washington State Department of Health COVID-19 Testing Information for Healthcare Providers (update 5/27/2020)**
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/Interim-2019NovelCoronavirusQuicksheetProviders.pdf>
 - **Test all patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, even if symptoms are mild, if adequate test supplies are available.**
 - **Ensure specimens and requisitions are labeled correctly and completely. Washington law requires healthcare providers to include: patient name, date of birth, address and phone number.**
 - **Use a PCR-based test**, the preferred diagnostic test for COVID-19, which has demonstrated higher sensitivity and fewer false negatives than currently available point-of-care tests.
 - **False negative results can occur.** If indicated and suspicion is high, a person with a negative test should be retested and complete recommended quarantine or self-monitoring.
 - **Indeterminate results do not rule out COVID-19 infection and retesting should be considered.**
 - **Be aware that serology or antibody tests are not recommended for making a diagnosis of COVID-19 or to reliably determine whether or not someone has experienced a past infection with COVID-19.**
- **Utilize the new CDC clinical on-call center, a 24-hour hotline with CDC clinicians available to answer questions about COVID-19** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/Clinician-On-Call-Center-508.pdf>
- **Monitor the Kitsap Public Health COVID-19 Risk Assessment data dashboard for trends in positive cases, testing, health care system capacity and other community indicators.**
https://public.tableau.com/profile/kitsap_public_health_district_assessment_and_epi_team#!/vizhome/KitsapCountyCOVID-19-RiskAssessmentDashboard/MetricsDashboard
 - If your clinic begins COVID-19 testing and you would like us to add you to our testing map, please call (360)728-2235.
- **Continue to report all positive COVID-19 test results immediately** to Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff at 360-728-2235. If you report via KPHD secure fax, 360-813-1168, provide the lab result, patient name, date of birth, and phone number, and indicate if the patient has been notified of their positive result.
Report the following:
 - **RT-PCR positive results**
 - **point of care PCR positive and negative results**
 - **repeat positive results** for an individual but please be aware that repeat testing is not generally recommended by Washington State Department of Health.
 - **serology positive results**, Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff will investigate all serology positive results to determine if a case can be classified as probable based on clinical evidence and/or epi-linkage.
- **Advise all patients when you test for COVID-19, that if their test is positive, Kitsap Public Health will be following up with them by phone.**
- **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.
- **Notify Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff of any suspected cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19** by calling 360-728-2235.

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Background

8,991 Kitsap County residents have been tested for COVID-19, 174 have had a positive result and 2 Kitsap County resident deaths have been associated with COVID-19 as of 2PM on June 11, 2020.

Resources

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