Health Advisory

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

July 17, 2020

COVID Surges in Kitsap County

Actions Requested

- **Be aware that Kitsap is experiencing a sustained surge in COVID cases** and maintain a low threshold for testing.

- **Test all symptomatic persons (even if symptoms are only mild) and asymptomatic contacts of confirmed cases, utilizing RT-PCR testing.** COVID is spreading in Kitsap and early identification and isolation is critically needed.

- **Utilize laboratory service providers** that can provide short turnaround times to increase the effectiveness of isolation and quarantine in controlling disease. Refer to our July 13 Health Advisory for a list of Washington-based labs. Available here: https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/provider_archives.php

- **Expand your testing capabilities** in anticipation of demand associated with disease surge.

- **Advise individuals being tested to remain at home until receiving their test result and that if they are positive, to expect a phone call from a Kitsap Public Health case investigator.**

- Call the Kitsap Quarantine & Isolation Referral Coordinator at 360-377-7777 (7 days/week, 9 am to 5 pm) if you have a medically stable patient who needs quarantine or isolation for COVID-19.

- Contact the Kitsap County Emergency Operations Center if for any reason your facility runs short or cannot obtain COVID-19 test supplies or associated PPE at: logs@kitsapem.org

- **Call Kitsap Public Health Communicable Disease staff immediately at 360-728-2235 to report all positive COVID-19 test results** including RT-PCR positive results and point of care PCR positive and negative results.

- **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.

Background

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Kitsap has risen dramatically, 117 so far in the month of July, 73 of those cases just in the last 4 days. Six long-term care facilities have reported COVID-19 outbreaks in recent weeks. 15,319 tests for COVID-19 have been performed for Kitsap County residents, 370 individuals have had a positive result and 3 Kitsap County resident deaths have been associated with COVID-19 as of July 17. COVID-associated hospitalizations are also rising.

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