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Clallam County Public Health Investigating Two Active COVID-19 Outbreaks

Clallam County, WA — Over the weekend, The Clallam County Department of Public Health was notified of 3 new COVID-19 cases which through contact tracing, were identified as belonging to two separate active outbreaks. All of these cases are believed to have acquired their infections locally.

Clallam County Department of Public Health staff have been working around the clock in close partnership with the affected organizations to identify and contact all of the individuals who were potentially exposed and offer them testing. The affected organizations are working diligently to implement enhanced infection prevention protocols to prevent any further transmission.

“It is critically important that the citizens of Clallam County understand that COVID-19 is here in our community,” notes Clallam County Health Officer Dr. Allison Berry Unthank. “We all must exercise caution by keeping a safe physical distance and wearing masks to keep our community safe.”

Clallam County residents are urged to:

- Maintain six feet of distance from others whenever possible
- Wear a cloth face covering when in contact with others outside your household
- Wash hands frequently
- Stay home if you are feeling sick
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling ill

Even mild illness can be COVID-19. If you are sick with cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, sinus congestion, cold or flu-like symptoms, call your primary care doctor to be tested. If you do not have a primary care doctor, call the Olympic Medical Center Walk-In-Clinic or Forks Community Hospital to arrange testing. **Testing is free for anyone with symptoms.**

As a result of these two outbreaks and rising case counts in the state as a whole, our Clallam County Health Officer is recommending we hold on applying for Phase 3 of the Safe Start Reopening Plan until July 21st at the earliest.

Find additional COVID-19 information and prevention steps at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). Find local COVID-19 updates at [Clallam County - Coronavirus Information](#).

Guidance and Resources:

- [Washington State Department of Health Coronavirus Page](#)
- [Information on Case Investigations and Contact Tracing](#)
- [Governor's Safe Start Resources](#)
- [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries](#) for workplace safety issues