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COVID-19 Public Health Update

Union County, Oregon — Center for Human Development (CHD) public health is reporting four new cases. The total county cases is 367.

The Center for Human Development Public Health is also announcing the second COVID-19 related death in Union County. The person was a 62-year-old male who tested positive on June 16th and died on July 2nd at St Alphonsus in Boise, Idaho. He had underlying conditions.

“It is difficult to share the news that a community member with COVID-19 has passed” stated Carrie Brogoitti, Public Health Administrator. “Our thoughts are with the people that loved him as they grieve this difficult loss.”

CHD shares information as soon as it is received through official reports. This means that information may be available to individuals or the community that has not been reported by CHD due to the fact that we are waiting for official information to make these reports. This information is anticipated to be reported through the Oregon Health Authority tomorrow.

Over the past three weeks, demand for COVID-19 molecular testing has increased greatly across the state. This has directly impacted and surpassed the abilities for the laboratories to process and release results as expected. Due to the high volume of testing there may be delays, notifications will be made as quickly as possible.

We would like to remind individuals who were tested that self-isolation/quarantine is necessary to lower the chance of you spreading illness. This means:

- DO NOT attend any activities or gatherings outside your home. This includes work, school, health care, faith-based facilities, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.
- DO NOT allow any visitors to your home.

It is vital that workplaces support employees who are required to quarantine and not ask them to go to work in these situations. We ask that local employers to make it easy for people to make the choice to stay home by promoting working from home when possible, applying paid sick leave policies liberally, and linking employees to any workplace resources available. We also realize that for many employers and employees that this is a difficult situation. Multiple resources are available through wraparound services to include financial assistance, food bank information, grocery pickup/delivery, health insurance, and Veterans services. For questions or needs, please call the WRAP team at 541-663-4252 or covidwrapsvcs@union-county.org

People who have mild signs of COVID-19 should stay home, unless the signs of illness are serious enough they would normally seek health care. Call your health care provider before going in. Make a plan for how to be seen, while also avoiding spread of the illness to others.

Individuals who feel very ill should seek appropriate care. If it is an emergency, call 911. For information on when to seek emergency medical attention visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. If it is not an emergency but you feel sick enough to need a medical appointment, call your primary care provider. If you don't have a doctor, call 211 for a list of providers near you.

If you need further general information about COVID-19, please visit our webpage www.chdinc.org/covid19 or call 211.

COVID-19 Union County update 7/9/2020

Total Cases- 367
Recovered- 33
Deaths- 2

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