



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## May 7, 2020

Okanogan County Public Health is reporting no new cases today. Confirmed Cases to date are from the following parts of Okanogan County:

11	Colville Indian Reservation
5	Methow Valley
3	South County – Malott to Pateros
5	Central Valley – Malott to Riverside
1	North County – Riverside to Oroville

### Safe Start Washington: A Phased Approach to Recovery

Yesterday, we shared the Governor's Safe Start Washington plan Requirements for Employers. We, like many of you, are looking forward to re-opening Okanogan County in a safe, data-driven way that minimizes new cases and risk of infection, especially to those at high risk.

The Governor will be monitoring various metrics to determine the speed that individual counties and the state as a whole is able to move through the phases outlined in his plan.

Okanogan County Public Health encourages everyone to follow the *Guidance for Individuals* in the Governor's plan in order to have the best chance possible to move into Phase 2 and future phases at an accelerated rate.

#### Guidance for Individuals

- Engage in physical distancing, staying at least six feet away from other people
- Wear cloth face coverings in public places when not eating or drinking (cloth face coverings should not be placed on children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance)
- Stay home if sick
- Avoid others who are sick
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water (use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available)
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Disinfect surfaces and objects regularly

Read the full Safe Start policy plan here: <https://bit.ly/3ddwBwn>

**Thank you to all the community members who are taking steps to protect each other!**

**Stay Home, Stay Healthy!**

#### Confirmed Cases in Okanogan County (As of May 7 at 4 pm)

**25**

#### Deaths

**2**

#### Recovering

**18**

#### Samples Sent for Testing

**805**

#### Negative Test Results

**736**

#### Test Results Pending

**44**

**DOH Call Center  
1-800-525-0127**

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<https://www.okanogandem.org>

**A Note on the Pending Test Results:** For the past several days we have around 80 test results pending. It is important to know that these are not the *same* test results every day.

Each day we receive some test results (this makes the pending number go down) and our healthcare providers test more people and send those samples for testing (this makes the pending number go up).

When the pending number is staying steady over several days, this means the number of test results we receive each day and the number of tests conducted each day is about the same.

