



COVID-19 UPDATE

May 19, 2020

Okanogan County Public Health is reporting 2 new cases today. The new cases are from the South County area. Confirmed cases to date are from the following parts of Okanogan County:

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

Okanogan County Moving Forward with Partial Phase 2 Variance Request

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced new criteria for additional counties to apply for variances to move to Phase 2 of the state's Safe Start recovery plan.

Under the plan, smaller counties can apply for a variance from the order which would allow them to open even more businesses than allowed statewide. Counties are now eligible to apply if they have less than 10 new cases per 100,000 residents over a 14-day span.

Okanogan County Public Health has decided to move towards applying for a Partial Phase 2 Variance even though we do not currently meet the criteria. The partial variance will propose to allow some activates in phase 2 to resume but not all of them. Guidance provided by the Governor's office would still need to be followed for any businesses allowed to operate in Phase 2. We hope to submit the proposal before the end of the week.

We are committed to make data-driven decisions informed by the best science available to optimize public health, public safety, and economic vitality. The Okanogan County Health Officer and Public Health staff have carefully weigh the risks associated with each of the activities in Phase 2 and feel there are some that can be restarted safely, provided appropriate precautions are taken.

We will need everyone's help in demonstrating that Okanogan County is ready to move to a partial Phase 2 and can do so safely. This means:

- Washing your hands often
- Social distancing – keeping 6 feet between yourself and others in public
- Avoid all gatherings that include people outside of your household
- Wearing a mask in public
- Staying home when you are sick
- Getting tested for COVID-19 if recommended by your healthcare provider
- Following isolation and quarantine guidance when necessary

It will take us all working together towards a shared vision – together, we can do this!

Stay Home, Stay Healthy!

Confirmed Cases in Okanogan County (As of May 19 at 4 pm)

42

Deaths

2

Recovering

32

Samples Sent for Testing

1140

Negative Test Results

1011

Test Results Pending

87

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