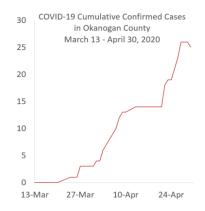


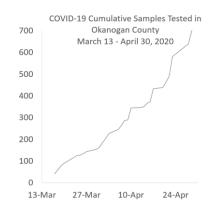
COVID-19 UPDATE

April 30, 2020

Okanogan County Public Health is reporting no new case today. Public Health has learned that one case that was previously reported in South County, actually lives in Chelan County. This makes the total confirmed cases in Okanogan County 25. We feel it is important to bring the most current information to you on a daily basis. That sometimes results in information being shared that we later learn is inaccurate. We always share updated information as we learn about it. 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





Protect and Respect Each Other - Wear a Mask!

As we start to have discussions about safely reopening Okanogan County and Washington State, we need to be prepared to follow certain guidelines in order to protect each other and prevent a second wave. We'll learn more in the coming days about the Governor's plan and phases to reopen the state, but we know there are some critical steps that will be important, including **wearing a mask in public**.

The tricky part about wearing a mask is, they do a *little* to protect the person wearing the mask but they do a *LOT* to protect everyone around them. When you wear a mask, your germs stay contained in the mask and are unable to reach others. We need <u>everyone</u> to wear masks in order to protect <u>everyone</u>! About 25% of people who have COVID-19 have NO symptoms. This means that only wearing a mask when someone is sick is not enough - it must be worn all the time, by everyone.

When you walk into the store and see the essential workers all wearing masks, they are doing that to protect you. If you don't wear a mask as well, you are putting them unnecessarily at risk.

So next time you need to go to the grocery store, please do your part and wear a mask – not to protect yourself, but to protect those around you.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy!

Confirmed Cases in Okanogan County (As of April 30 at 4 pm)

25

Deaths

1

Recovering

15

Samples Sent for Testing

719

Negative Test Results

608

Test Results Pending

86

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