



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## April 22, 2020

Okanagan County Public Health is reporting 4 new cases today. We were made aware of 2 of these cases yesterday after we had sent our update prior to the Governor's news conference. Public Health, in conjunction with the Colville Tribes, is investigating these additional cases and will be notifying any potential contacts.

Cases are from the following parts of Okanagan County:

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| 9 | Colville Indian Reservation          |
| 5 | Methow Valley                        |
| 1 | South County – Malott to Pateros     |
| 2 | Central Valley – Malott to Riverside |
| 1 | North County – Riverside to Oroville |

Public Health is reporting that 13 cases are recovering. Recovering cases are defined as *most symptoms have subsided and the individual is no longer at risk of worsening illness*. While a few cases have recovered completely, many are still recovering and continue to have residual symptoms such as fatigue.

### Continued Social Distancing is Imperative

We cannot stress enough how important it is to follow the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order and to follow continued social distancing recommendations. As we have reported in the past, due to specific testing criteria and limited testing supplies we believe COVID-19 is much more widespread in our County than our confirmed case counts suggest.

While most people recover without complications, high risk populations are much more likely to experience severe illness or death. We are also hearing reports of high numbers of asymptomatic contagious carriers. This means there may be many people out there who feel completely fine, but are infected with the virus and are able to spread it to others. The people they spread it to may not be so lucky to be asymptomatic and could have serious illness.

We must remain vigilant and disciplined to protect our vulnerable populations.

### WA's Recovery Plan

Yesterday, Governor Inslee shared his plan for *Safe Return to Public Life in Washington State*. "The return to public life will occur in measured steps, guided by science and informed by our public health needs, ability to mitigate impacts, and the response of our communities." View the full plan at: <https://bit.ly/34XQi8p>.

**Stay Home, Stay Healthy!**

#### Confirmed Cases in Okanagan County (As of April 22 at 5 pm)

18

#### Recovering

13

#### Samples Sent for Testing

489

#### Negative Test Results

428

#### Test Results Pending

43

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

Press # after the prompt

#### Education & Information

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emergencies/coronavirus](http://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus)

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