



COVID-19 UPDATE

April 8, 2020

Okanogan County Public Health is reporting 2 new cases. This brings the total confirmed case count in Okanogan County to 12. Cases are from the following parts of the County:

5	Colville Indian Reservation
4	Methow Valley
2	South County
1	North County

Going to the Grocery Store

Everyone is safest from COVID-19 when we all stay in our homes, but, eventually, even the best stocked of us need to go to the grocery store. Grocery stores are working hard to keep their employees and customers as safe as possible.

Some grocery stores are helping us stay six feet apart from each other by providing signage or spacing markers on the floor. Others are monitoring traffic flow and focusing on helping us stay six feet apart when lines begin to form. And some are limiting the total number of people in the store at any one time.

Like all of us, grocery store employees should not work when they are sick, wash their hands frequently, use hand sanitizers, and refrain from touching their faces.

Keep yourself and grocery stores as safe as possible

- **Limit the number of times you go to a grocery store** to once a week or even less frequently.
- **Shop with a list** and like you mean business. Save the browsing for later! The less time you are in there, the better!
- **Shop by yourself**, if possible, to help limit the number of people in the aisles. Better yet, can you take a neighbor's list with you and shop for them while you are at it?
- **Shop at less popular times** when the stores will be less crowded.
- **Wearing a cloth face covering** to protect others in case you have COVID-19 but haven't developed any symptoms.
- **Don't touch your face!** Avoid using your phone, putting on chapstick, scratching your beard, or doing anything that would bring your hands into contact with your face.
- **Use hand sanitizer** when you get in the car.
- **Wash your hands** thoroughly when you get home.
- You can **toss packaging and wipe down bottles** when you get home, but **do NOT put disinfectants like bleach or cleaning products on your produce** or directly onto your food, that is bad for you.

Don't forget to watch us on **Facebook Live tonight, April 8th at 7:00pm** on **Okanogan County Emergency Management Facebook page!**

Confirmed Cases in Okanogan County
(As of April 8 at 4 pm)

12

Samples Sent for Testing

287

Negative Test Results

221

Test Results Pending

54

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