Media Release January 6th, 2021 at 8:30 AM Healthy Washington Road Map to Recovery

KLICKITAT COUNTY – Beginning January 11th, 2021 the state of Washington will be operating under a two phased approach based on regional metrics. The "Road Map to Recovery" now has counties listed together. Klickitat County is listed with Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, and Wahkiakum into the Southwest Region. The state will look at 4 different metrics each Friday to determine if a region qualifies to move forward, or backward, into a different phase. There is a lot of new information and we suggest you read the specific guidelines which can be found at https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-healthy-washington-roadmap-to-recovery-229b880a6859 .

Counties all around us are seeing an increase in cases. Currently Hood River and Wasco counties remain in Oregon's extreme risk category. Both counties are reporting widespread community spread. Yakima County is reporting that the Costco in Union Gap has a current outbreak with 145 of their employees testing positive for the virus and the county reported 163 positive cases on January 3rd. Klickitat County just lost its 4th resident to this terrible disease and currently has over 35 active positive cases. The virus is still here and is still a serious threat to all of us.

With COVID-19 being a Public Health Emergency, our Klickitat County Public Health Department is tasked with managing the response. The Emergency Operations Center (KCEOC) continues to support them as requested. KCEOC is maintaining its mandated response responsibilities of requesting, redistributing, and tracking all state supplied resources such as Personal Protective Equipment and other COVID-19 related supplies for hospitals, medical providers, first responders, and essential operations throughout the county. All of the teams are working hard, everyday, to keep you informed and healthy.

In our county testing is provided at Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, and Northshore Medical Group. The <u>Columbia Gorge</u> has a great site that offers information, local resources, and testing locations throughout the gorge. As the vaccine becomes available to the public, we anticipate it to be available at the following locations: Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, and Northshore Medical Group as well at the Klickitat County Public Health Department Offices in both White Salmon and Goldendale.

Klickitat County Resources-

Public Health- http://www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health

Emergency Management- https://www.klickitatcounty.org/249/Emergency-Management

Klickitat Valley Health- http://www.kvhealth.net/

Skyline Health- www.myskylinehealth.org

Northshore Medical Group- https://northshore-medical.com/

Local Resources-

Columbia Gorge- <u>https://www.gorgeimpact.com</u>

Hood River & Wasco- <u>www.readygorge.com</u>

Skamania-

https://www.skamaniacounty.org/departments-offices/community-health/public-health/covid-19

Yakima-<u>https://www.yakimacounty.us/2323/COVID-19</u> https://www.yakimacounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/26758/122920_Update-to-COVID-19-Outbreak-a t-Costco

State Resources-

Washington State Department of Health Dashboardhttps://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard

Washington State Coronavirus Response-

https://coronavirus.wa.gov/