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Press Release: Umatilla County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 3rd confirmed positive case identified in Umatilla County

Umatilla County Public Health (UCo Health) recognizes community concern surrounding COVID-19. We are working with multiple health agencies and community partners to disseminate accurate and up-to-date information.

UCo Health now reports one new positive case of COVID-19 in Umatilla County. This individual is currently hospitalized. In order to protect this individual's privacy, UCo Health will not be releasing any additional demographic information at this time. An investigation is currently underway, and UCo Health staff will be in contact with any other individuals who are connected with this case.

UCo Health is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation as it evolves. The Oregon State Public Health Lab (OSPHL) and commercial laboratories that are processing samples collected from Umatilla County residents report **all** test results to UCo Health daily. Beginning today, UCo Health will be providing county specific test results including the total number of tests processed on our website www.ucohealth.net and will update these counts regularly.

UCo Health would like to reiterate that we are still in the middle of a severe cold and flu season and as such, every individual with flu-like symptoms does not need to be tested for COVID-19. COVID-19 testing will be ordered at the discretion of medical providers, **not** UCo Health, after individuals with respiratory symptoms are screened to rule out other potential causes such as pneumonia or influenza.

As noted in Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-12 issued Monday March 23, it is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Oregon during the ongoing state of emergency that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals **stay home** or at their place of residence. UCo Health implores residents of Umatilla County to demonstrate compliance to the social distancing measures enacted statewide in order to protect the health and lives of all residents, particularly those at highest risk, and to help avoid overwhelming the local and regional healthcare capacity.

We are asking our Umatilla County residents to please call 211 with your questions regarding COVID-19. If you are exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your primary care provider FIRST to discuss the next steps. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.

We will continue to update our Umatilla County Public Health Facebook page as new information becomes available. Please refer to the Oregon Health Authority and CDC COVID-19 websites for additional information.

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