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Press Release: Umatilla County Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 9th 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, bringing the total number of reported COVID-19 cases in Umatilla County to nine. UCo Health is conducting an investigation in accordance with Oregon Health Authority guidelines for COVID-19. We have been in contact with this individual and their family. Additionally, we are reaching out to all identified close contacts to provide education and guidance.

UCo Health is pleased to report that four of the previously reported cases have recovered. Individuals are considered recovered when they have been free from symptoms including fever, cough and shortness of breath for 72 hours. None are hospitalized. There have been no reported deaths due to COVID-19 in Umatilla County.

COVID-19 in Umatilla County update 4/8/2020 12:00pm

Total Cases	Recovered	Active	Hospitalized
9	4	5	0

UCo Health Director Joseph Fiumara would like to provide the following reminder to Umatilla County residents “UCo Health strongly encourages all residents to abide by the ‘Stay Home Saves Lives’ Executive Order from Gov Brown to help slow the spread of COVID-19. These measures include avoiding non-essential trips outside of the home and practicing social distancing by maintaining a minimum of six feet distance between individuals when it is necessary to go out. As the number of cases in Umatilla County grow, it is critical that all residents abide by these measures. To minimize the spread of COVID-19 between communities, we strongly encourage all residents to patronize essential services in the communities where they live”

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.

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.

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. 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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