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Walla Walla County announces second local case of COVID-19

Walla Walla, WA - Walla Walla County health officials are confirming that a second local resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The Walla Walla County woman in her 20s is under home isolation. As with any and all cases, they will be under home isolation for fourteen days and until they are fever free for 72-hours.

The case investigation is undergoing and the Department of Community Health (DCH) is working with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to identify anyone who may have an increased risk because of close contact with this person.

“We understand our community wants details about each case,” said Meghan DeBolt, Director. “However, we (the DCH) will not report on the exact location of the case. We want the community to know that we are doing a thorough investigation, instructing each case and contact to stay home under isolation, and we are calling them daily for monitoring purposes.”

We encourage all residents of our community to take this very seriously. However, do not feel helpless – as a community we can control the spread of this virus. We need to stay home, stay safe. For those who are part of our communities’ essential services, thank you and please be careful.

We continue to recommend all people living in the Walla Walla Valley take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza:

- **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces** that are often touched.

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- **Take care of your health overall.** Staying current on your vaccinations, including flu vaccine, eating well and exercising all help your body stay resilient.
- **Stay Home.** All nonessential workers have been asked to stay home. For everyone, if you are feeling sick with mild symptoms and do not need to seek medical care, stay home while you recover.
- **Stay Informed.** Consult the websites below for up to date information and steps to protect yourself.

Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others. For urgent medical needs, call 911. You can also call our COVID-19 hotline at 509-524-2647.

For more information:

- Washington Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- CDC COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- WHO page: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- Department of Community Health: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php

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