



MAKAH TRIBE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

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Makah community anticipates more positive cases in the coming days

There have been four new positive COVID cases this week, all connected to the same original exposure. The original case is a community member who was in close contact with someone who had traveled out of state. We have several close contacts of these cases who are starting to show symptoms. We anticipate more positive cases in the next few days.

Case and contact tracing are continuing. Those who are known to have been exposed will be notified within 1-2 business days of their positive contact. Health Director and Health Officer Dr. Libby Cope urges the community to be proactive. Cope says, "If you know that you had close contact with someone who has tested positive, please stay in your home and avoid contact with others." One can take these precautions without being contacted by case and contact tracing staff.

Cope expresses great concern about the high number of close contacts with the current COVID-19 cases. Cope shares, "To stop this outbreak, community members and visitors must strictly follow the public health recommendations and protocols. Wear a mask correctly and stay 6 feet away from those outside of your household group."

Household groups must have a maximum of 3 households or less. There should be zero close contacts outside of these groups. If you have a household group, make clear who is in the group. No more than three households (ideally less), and that all have a clear understanding of the group's rules. It is important not to assume pod-members have the same knowledge unless there are regular and transparent conversations. Wearing a mask and staying 6 feet distance from others will prevent the transmission of the virus. Transmission is only happening where one or both people were not wearing masks. Please follow the protocols, and prevent the continued spread of this virus in our community.

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Cope encourages the community to support each other and reach out to the family. Cope says, "Please share updates with your family, loved ones, and have those difficult conversations with your household groups. It will take the entire community working together to stop this outbreak."

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