



June 23, 2020

We have received notice that a member of our medical team has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is symptomatic and is being cared for in isolation. We are coordinating with the Kitsap County Public Health Department and are in the process of contacting anyone who might have been exposed.

The medical and dental clinics will be closed through Thursday, June 25. During this time, these buildings will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized so that they may reopen on Friday. Tele-health appointments are still available during this time.

All medical and dental staff are being tested over the next 24-48 hours. In addition, all on-site staff are being tested on Thursday.

Because of the increase of cases in Kitsap County—including the positive tests we've seen among our Tribal Center and NKDC staff—we're putting at least a two-week pause on our phased re-opening plans for government operations. What this means is staff that have already returned to work will continue to report in on site, provided that they remain negative for COVID-19. Staff that were slated to return later this week will now do so on July 8 or later. The final staff return phase will now be delayed until at least July 22. We will continue all staff testing every two weeks at least through the final phase.

Growing case numbers prove that COVID-19 has not gone away and is active in Kitsap County. The only way we can protect our community is by taking personal responsibility. This means:

- **Wear a mask in public**, even around people you know and trust. This is essential to slowing and stopping the spread of COVID-19.
- **Limit contact with those outside your household.** State guidelines are clear: you shouldn't be around more than five people outside your home or work within a week.
- **Stay home as much as possible.** Limit your trips in public.
- **Wash your hands frequently.**
- **Stay home when you're sick**, even if you don't have symptoms of COVID-19.

These simple, common-sense rules protect you, your family, and your community. We are depending on you to do your part to keep us all healthy and strong.

If you need a telehealth appointment or have symptoms of COVID-19 and need to be evaluated for a test, please contact Medical Clinic staff at 360-297-2840.

Need a mask? Contact the Emergency Command Center at 360-297-9689.