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### **KLICKITAT COUNTY REPORTS ACTIVE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

*Klickitat County Health Department is currently investigating close contacts and possible transmissions*

**White Salmon, WA, December 4, 2020** - Klickitat County Health Department (KCHD) has received notification from Skyline Health of two staff members with COVID-19 positive tests. At the time of this press release these individuals are self-isolating and no additional hospitalizations have occurred.

Through extensive communication, involving the Health Department and Skyline Health, the following information has been determined about this incident:

- After the first COVID case was identified, Skyline Health management worked with local Public Health to conduct and complete contact tracing and testing.
- Skyline Health has performed testing and retesting of personnel as part of their commitment to the safety of their staff and patients.
- All personnel testing positive for COVID-19 are in self-isolation, and will have daily follow up with local Public Health and Skyline Health management.
- Skyline Health management has implemented extra precautions above and beyond the recommendations of the CDC, which are consistently adhered to in all areas of the hospital, to control any further risk of exposure related to this incident.

The Klickitat County Health Department and Skyline Health management appreciate the level of concern this release may bring to members of our community, we will continue to monitor the situation and maintain our ongoing dialogue to ensure this situation is contained and controlled appropriately.

If you are currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary care provider about getting tested. Anyone with questions can call the Skyline Health COVID nurse hotline at 509-637-2972.

#### **About Klickitat County Public Health**

Klickitat County Public Health is always working for a safer and healthier community. As the region's public health leader and partner, we are committed to excellence through innovative programs, community partnerships and a fundamental dedication to promote and protect the health of all Klickitat County residents.

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#### **For More Information:**

Klickitat County Public Health: [www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health](http://www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health)  
Klickitat Valley Health: [www.kvhealth.net](http://www.kvhealth.net)  
Skyline Health: [www.myskylinehealth.org](http://www.myskylinehealth.org)

Northshore Medical Group: [www.northshore-medical.com](http://www.northshore-medical.com)

COVID Testing Information <https://www.gorgeimpact.com/testing>

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>