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PSA Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

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To: All Media

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We understand the growing community concern surrounding the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Hood River County Health Department in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) continues to monitor developments regarding novel coronavirus, COVID-19, closely. OHA will post data on its website: <http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus>.

- **We likely have Community-Transmission of the virus in Oregon but we have no confirmed cases in Hood River County.**
- **Wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, and stay at home when you are ill.**
- **Please consider reaching out to the people you know that are the most vulnerable, such as elderly persons that live alone.**
- **Please remember that individuals of particular racial or ethnic groups are no more likely to get the COVID-19 virus or spread it to others.**
- **Reported cases have ranged from mild illness (similar to a common cold) to severe pneumonia that requires hospitalization. So far, deaths have been reported mainly in older adults who had existing health conditions.**
- **Flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty breathing may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus.**
- **Most people will not experience complications and will recover without medical attention.**
- **Call 9-1-1, or go to the emergency room if you are experiencing difficulty breathing.**
- **Do not come to the Health Department.**
- **If you are seriously ill call your healthcare provider for directions before you visit their office.**
- **We are working with community partners in healthcare to coordinate our response in the event that we have a case identified in our community.**

The CDC, OHA, and Hood River County Health Department are committed to providing the most up-to-date information available regarding the COVID-19 investigation and clear guidance regarding preventive efforts. **Remember, there are everyday actions you can take to prevent the spread of many respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19 and influenza. Please see attached fact sheet for details.**

For more information about COVID-19, including clinical Guidance please visit:

Oregon Health Authority: For Healthcare Providers and Clinical laboratories

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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