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Important Testing and Recovery Update

Over the past three weeks, demand for COVID-19 testing has increased greatly across the state and nation. This has directly impacted and surpassed the abilities for the laboratories to process and release results as expected. Due to the high volume of testing we would like to update the community our current testing, reporting and potential national testing supply shortages.

Testing: Center for Human Development will be temporarily suspending testing and testing clinics. Testing will be limited to individuals identified through investigations or individuals that meet Oregon State Public Health Lab criteria. We are currently still experiencing significant delays in receiving lab results on previous tests. Notifications will be made as quickly as possible.

*Testing is still being offered throughout the community. If you are interested in being tested we encourage you to contact your primary care provider.

National Testing Capacity and Supply Chain Issues: There are anticipated national COVID-19 testing supply shortages and supply chain issues. The nationwide demand for COVID-19 testing supplies affects the supply available to Oregon. Thus, increasing cases nationwide, especially in states with large populations such as Texas, Florida and California, affect our testing capacity. We are working closely with OHA to address these potential emerging shortages proactively.

Recovery: We understand that our community is concerned about how our positive cases are doing and care about whether they are moving in a positive direction. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was calling positive cases on a weekly basis to assess symptoms and report recovered cases. Due to the progression of cases in the state, the OHA has reported that they are no longer making these calls or assessing this information. Recovered data is still being reported on the OHA website but may not be reflective of actual recovery rates.

People who have mild signs of COVID-19 should stay home, unless the signs of illness are serious enough they would normally seek health care. Call your health care provider before going in. Make a plan for how to be seen, while also avoiding spread of the illness to others.

Individuals who feel very ill should seek appropriate care. If it is an emergency, call 911. For information on when to seek emergency medical attention visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>. If it is not an emergency but you feel sick enough to need a medical appointment, call your primary care provider. If you don't have a doctor, call 211 for a list of providers near you.

If you need further general information about COVID-19, please visit our webpage www.chdinc.org/covid19 or call 211.

COVID-19 Union County update 7/11/2020

Total Cases- 369
Recovered- 46
Deaths- 2

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