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Union and Wallowa Counties



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La Grande, Oregon – Today, Oregon Health Authority announced 5 new confirmed cases for Union County bringing the total number of COVID-19 cases to 287. Test results returned today for the testing event held last week were minimal. Union County has a total of 1,317 negative tests returned according to the Oregon Health Authority website. Yesterday, the negative testing total was 1,281. Wallowa County has a total of eight cases. Investigations, contact tracings, and additional testing are underway in both counties. Statewide, there are a total of 7,444 cases.

Individuals who have been tested are reminded that self-isolation/quarantine is necessary to lower the chance of spreading illness. This includes not attending any activities or gatherings outside your home such as work, school, health care, faith-based facilities, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. Do not allow any visitors to your home. Do not touch others or have them touch you. To do so while isolated/quarantined could further spread the disease.

Multiple resources are available through wraparound services for individuals who have been instructed to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Some of the resources available include financial assistance, food bank information, grocery pickup/delivery, health insurance, and Veterans services. Information is available at: <http://neojic.union-county.org/2020/06/23/wrap-resources/>.

An additional testing clinic will be conducted tomorrow by appointment only. The clinic is being supported by the Union County Incident Management Team to assist the Center for Human Development, Union County Public Health. The appointments have been filled through contacts identified from investigations and contact tracing. An estimated 80 tests are scheduled to be completed.

The Union County Incident Management Team will be holding a community briefing on Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be an opportunity for leadership to answer key questions that have been surfacing locally regarding COVID-19. Due to physical distancing requirements, the briefing will be provided virtually and live-streamed on the NE Oregon Joint Information Center Facebook page. The briefing will also be available for later viewing at www.neojic.union-county.org.

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