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Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus confirmed in a Klickitat County resident

CLICKITAT COUNTY – Today, the Klickitat County Department of Health (DOH) confirmed a case of [2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (COVID-19). This patient is not considered to be a high risk for community transmission. While the risk to the general public is low in the county, the Klickitat County Health Department is working with the Washington State Department of Health, Local Medical Providers, and Emergency Management to identify and contact all those who may have come in contact with the confirmed case. These individuals will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.

What is Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19)?

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus strain spreading from person to person in Washington State. Symptoms primarily include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. These symptoms can appear 2-14 days after exposure. The virus spreads most effectively through close contact with one another via cough or sneezes. It can also be spread by touching surfaces or objects with the virus on it.

How can people protect themselves and others?

The most important thing you can do is maintain your social distancing. Social distancing means remaining out of group settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining 6 feet or more from others if possible. **Stay home if you have any one of the following symptoms:** a temperature of 100.4 degrees F (or greater) or a cough or shortness of breath.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid close contact (6 feet) with people who are sick. Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces around your house and business.