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WALLA WALLA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH



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**Walla Walla County Case Update**  
***Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe***

Walla Walla, WA - Walla Walla County health officials are confirming that our community is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases. We are reporting an additional four cases, bringing Walla Walla County's case count to 61.

Case Overview:

- Total cases: 61
- Hospitalized: 5
- Employment:
  - Tyson: 9
  - First Fruits: 5
- Long Term Care Facilities: 7 (employee or resident)

More information about cases, including community of residence, age and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) [website](#).

The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health is continuing its work with Long Term Care facilities with positive COVID-19 cases to test employees and residents. Testing will allow the facility, and DCH, to have a better understanding of disease prevalence at the facility and reduce further spread.

DCH, working in conjunction with Tyson Fresh Meats, has completed most of the testing at the Tyson plant at Wallula, WA. Only a handful of employees, around 30, remain. These will be tested today. DCH is awaiting the results of the Tyson employees already tested.

At 2:30 yesterday Governor Inslee shared next steps in opening up for recreational activities. As of Tuesday, May 5, some outdoor recreation will be allowed with appropriate safety precautions. DCH would like to remind everyone to prepare ahead as they resume activities. Think of what you will need for a hike or to head to your favorite golf course. Bring sanitizer and mask as new additions to your packing list. Prepare a meal and/or beverage options in advance.

**Always working for a safer, healthier and thriving Walla Walla County**



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Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms. If you are sick and plan to seek care, please call before going in for care so arrangements can be made to prevent exposing others. For urgent medical needs, call 911. For non-urgent needs and questions, you can call 211 or our COVID-19 hotline at 509-524-2647.

For more information:

- Washington Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- CDC COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- WHO page: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- Department of Community Health: [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health\\_department/index.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php)

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