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North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) represents the following counties:
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Potential Large Community Transmission in Pierce County and Three Additional Cases

Public Service Announcement

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has been made aware of a concern of potential large community transmission of COVID-19 in Pierce County due to events that occurred over the 4th of July weekend. NCDHD in coordination with healthcare providers in the Pierce County communities strongly encourage residents to take note of how they are feeling and anyone whom may be exhibiting symptoms, outside of normal symptoms they may be experiencing during this time of year, should isolate themselves in their homes and notify their provider. This includes removing yourself from participating in any upcoming activities.

What does isolation mean? Isolation means that you stay in your home refraining from contact with the people you live with or outside of your home. Follow these steps as closely as possible to effectively isolate yourself from others.

- Isolate yourself in a room in your home that no other family members need access to, ideally with access to a bathroom no one else is using. It is important to stay in this area until you have been released from isolation orders by NCDHD or your medical provider.
- If you live with others, have them talk to you through a closed door, leave items like meals or other necessities outside a closed door and retrieve them after the person outside the door has left. Use disposable or paper plates and utensils when possible and disinfect surfaces before and after bringing supplies for a loved one.
- If living alone have groceries, medications, and other necessary items delivered when
 possible. Request that these deliveries are left outside a closed door to the home and
 retrieve them after the delivery person has left.
- Ask family and friends to refrain from visiting during this time. If they must come, visit through the door or window.

It is important to note that if you feel you are developing severe symptoms and feel you
need to seek medical attention, please call before arriving at the Clinic or ER. This allows
for healthcare providers to take appropriate measures before your arrival. If dialing 911
communicate with dispatch that you have concerns of COVID-19 related symptoms. This
allows dispatch to communicate with EMS and First Responders to prepare to respond
to the call appropriately.

NCDHD has been made aware of three (3) additional positive cases this evening in Pierce County. These cases are believed to be due from community spread present in Pierce County however investigations are currently ongoing. All close contacts at risk will be contacted.

Case count update as of 7/10/2020 at 7:00 PM: 61 Total Cases (TC), 44 Recoveries (R), and 1 Death (D). Reminder that Total Case (TC) numbers are represented first, and of those total cases the number of Recovered (R) persons is represented second, and total case related Deaths (D) is represented third.

Antelope: TC: 11 R: 8, D: 1

Boyd: TC: 1, R: 1

Brown: TC: 0

Cherry: TC: 3 R: 1

Keya Paha: TC: 0

Knox: TC: 27 R: 23

Pierce: TC: 12 R: 7

Rock: TC: 2, R: 1

Holt: TC: 5 R: 3

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