



THE SKAMANIA COUNTY
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EMERGENCY RESPONSE TASK FORCE
HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN

March 26, 2020

The local proactive COVID-19 response continues through Skamania County involving our community health organization, law enforcement, Fire and EMS, social service agencies, and community partners working together to keep our community safe, share resources, and plan for contingencies.

Skamania County has one confirmed positive test for novel coronavirus, COVID-19. The investigation into this case shows that the individual has been isolated within his home and has already notified close contacts, family and friends. Those that have been contacted are self quarantining to their residence for 14 days after their last contact with the confirmed case.

We are complying with the notifiable conditions set forth by the WA State Department of Health for Coronavirus. To access information about [notifiable conditions](#) information or the number of cases by County in WA State visit www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus.

Emergency responders are working hard to protect themselves and members of the public during this pandemic. The use of personal protective equipment by our first responders adheres to the standard/universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious material and can include non-porous gloves, goggles, masks, face shields, and gowns. Due to the shortage of these items within Skamania County and nationwide these items are only being made available to these essential emergency based agencies, no equipment will be made available to the public.

If you have any unopened boxes of personal protective equipment that you would like to donate to responders please bring it to Columbia Hardware in Stevenson, WA between 9am-5pm Monday thru Saturday.



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The general public is reminded to protect themselves by practicing these activities:

- Stay at home. If you are not able to stay home, limit exposure to others and practice social distancing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are frequently touched.

The unified Skamania County COVID 19 response is committed to serving our Community's needs through this time. We are prepared and are able to adapt to changing conditions that affect our community and its agencies.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Closing Public Lands

The state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the closure of **ALL** DNR managed lands to the public. The closure is effect from today, 3/26/2020 until at least 4/8/2020 (entire release attached).



USFS closes Cape Horn Trail, Dog Mountain Trail, and Klickitat Trails

The US Forest Service is closing three trailheads on the Washington side of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area, to support partners in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The closures go into effect 3/26/2020 at the Cape Horn Trail, Dog Mountain Trail, and the Lyle Trailhead of Klickitat Trail (entire release attached).

Pacific Power to close most recreation areas in the Northwest

In response to stay-at-home directives during the COVID-19 public health emergency, Pacific Power is closing most of its recreation sites in Oregon, Washington, and California. A complete list of closures can be found at www.pacificorp.com/community/recreation.html.

Skamania County establishes dedicated e-mail for COVID-19 Questions

Skamania County, in conjunction with our community health partners have established a dedicated e-mail address to answer questions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic or Government services for our county citizens. Our goal is to ensure timely and accurate information is available. If you have questions please utilize:

COVID19questions@co.skamania.wa.us.

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