



**FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL  
STATUS REPORT FOR  
FORKS & WEST END**



**INFO  
CORONAVIRUS**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

**COVID 19 TESTS DONE AT FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

# TESTED	834
# POSITIVE TESTS	8
# NEGATIVE TESTS	826
# TESTS PENDING	10
# TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	0
# TOTAL COVID-19 DEATHS	0

**COVID 19 VIRUS, CLALLAM COUNTY WIDE**

# TESTED	8,562
# POSITIVE TESTS	92
# NEGATIVE TESTS	8,288
# TESTS PENDING	182
# TOTAL CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS	0
# TOTAL COVID-19 DEATHS	0
# RECOVERED ***Updated Weekly***	64

CLALLAM BAY CORRECTION CENTER INMATE NUMBERS	0 Positive COVID- 19 tests 0 Test pending
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*Information Source: Clallam County Emergency Management (CCEM), DOC, and the Forks Community Hospital*

News and Information

- The positive tests reported since Thursday, July 23, 2020 appear to all be epidemiologically linked.
- Keeping with CDC guidelines we are now asking patients under 18 if they have a rash.
- Clallam County remains at 0 deaths due to COVID-19.

General Health Question of the Day

- Does the hospital have a treatment regimen for COVID-19 positive patients who weather the disease at home: For instance, Remdesiver and anti-clotting meds?
  - Drugs for COVID-19 are changing almost daily. Some that started out strong for characteristics that would impact the virus itself are no longer recommended including hydroxychloroquine and zinc sulfate. Azithromycin, an antibiotic, is not used for the virus (antibiotics do not affect viruses) but it is used with another antibiotic for an underlying pneumonia, caused by bacteria, that may be diagnosed as well. Remdesivir is a new anti-viral drug that works for other types of viruses too. With the novel coronavirus, it has reduced the time it takes to recover from the disease. Remdesivir, however, is reserved for severely ill

patients with COVID-19 who need to be in the hospital and need oxygen, if not a respirator. Also, because it is given intravenously, it is not an ideal candidate for people who are recovering at home.

An older drug, dexamethasone, actually reduces deaths in those who are severely ill and need to be in the hospital getting oxygen. It is available as a tablet but again, its focus is for patients in the hospital. Anti-clotting agents are used more on an as-needed basis rather than for routine treatment. Any decision to use these drugs would need to be coordinated with your doctor.

There are a number of studies going on around the world to identify drugs that can reduce the chance of death from COVID-19 and decrease the time it takes to get over the disease. Some studies focus on the disease, others focus on affecting the virus. Results are reported almost daily.

We are ready to provide the appropriate medication for each patient who is in the hospital here.

Researchers at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, have found 125 naturally-occurring agents that are expected to affect the novel coronavirus with more results to follow.

The best advice at this time for care at home is to treat the symptoms and be on the alert for any symptoms that get worse, especially difficulty breathing. If that is the case, we will see you at the clinic or the Emergency Department of the hospital!

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Forks Community Hospital

- If you have general health information questions, please send them to [information@forkshospital.org](mailto:information@forkshospital.org). *No private medical information, please.*

### Thank You

- Thank You, Robyn Wright for the extremely generous mask donation
- Thank You, CDK Sewing Group for the generous donation of masks
- Thank You, Linda Offutt for the extremely comfortable masks
- Thank You, Sherry Schaaf for the donation of bird seed

### Assistance

- Pandemic EBT is a new emergency program for ALL children in grades K-12 in Washington who receive free or reduced price school meals. P-EBT is not subject to public charge and will not affect your immigration status. P-EBT provides families with funds to pay the cost of meals while schools are closed due to COVID-19. No interview is required. Apply by following this link <https://www.washingtonconnection.org/eapplication/home.go?action=Introduction&source=> or calling the Customer Service Center at 877-501-2233 from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.
- Here is a link to the 211 website for non-emergency assistance, as outlined in a separate information release: [www.win211.org](http://www.win211.org). If you would like to speak with a live person, call 833-492-0834.
- The Clallam County Hotline number is 360-417-2430.
- A toll free line has been established for those also in need. Whether child care, food or prescription delivery, mental health or any other need, people can call 1-833-492-0834 for referral to assistance.
- Forks Food Bank is located at 181 Bogachiel Way in Forks. The Food Bank is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. P.O. Box 763 Forks, WA 98331
- Forks Food Bank has become the Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline box distribution hub. Boxes arrive shortly before the food bank opens. For more information call 360.640.8211.
- The County Emergency Operations Center is operational Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.
- Forks Abuse, located at 81 S 2nd Ave, Forks, WA has a food pantry outside and is accepting donations daily.
- The Caring Place has diapers available for families in need. Call 360.374.5010

## Behavioral Health

- In response to COVID-19, Washington has launched Washington Listens, a support program and phone line to help people manage elevated levels of stress due to the pandemic. People who call the Washington Listens support line will speak with a support specialist and get connected to community resources in their area. The program is anonymous. The Washington Listens support line is 1-833-681-0211. It is available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. TTY and language access services are available by using 7-1-1 or their preferred method.
- ImHurting Crisis Chat is a service offered through Volunteers of America Western Washington. Their toll-free 24-hour crisis hotline number is 1-888-910-0416. The 24-hour crisis online chat is at [www.imhurting.org](http://www.imhurting.org).
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273-8255 and is available 24 hours a day
- West End Outreach Services continues to be open regular business hours. Our providers are offering all behavioral health services over the telephone so the community can continue to “Stay Home and Stay Safe.”
  - West End Outreach Services are available by phone at (360)374-5011
  - Monday and Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
  - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm