



Wednesday, July 8, 2020

COVID 19 TESTS DONE AT FORKS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

# TESTED	622
# POSITIVE TESTS	3
# NEGATIVE TESTS	619
# TESTS PENDING	0
# TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	0

COVID 19 VIRUS, CLALLAM COUNTY WIDE

# TESTED	5,885
# POSITIVE TESTS	49
# NEGATIVE TESTS	5,698
# TESTS PENDING	138
# TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS	3
# RECOVERED ***Updated Weekly***	38

CLALLAM BAY CORRECTION CENTER INMATE NUMBERS	0 Positive COVID- 19 tests 1 Test pending
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OTHER VIRUSES WITH SIMILAR SYMPTOMS	H1N1 FLU VIRUS ALLERGIES (TREE POLLEN)
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Information Source: Clallam County Emergency Management (CCEM), DOC, and the Forks Community Hospital

News and Information

- The Laboratories of Olympic Medical Center and Forks Community Hospital recently entered into a mutually supportive agreement to assist each institution with patient laboratory testing. The goal of the agreement is to provide rapid time-sensitive testing to our patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Gary Sinise Foundation provided lunch to the entire staff at Forks Community Hospital.
- Two days remain to apply for a position on the Patient Family Advisory Council. Visit <https://www.forkshospital.org/patient-family-advisory-council/> for more information.
- WE NEED GREETERS! If you have a few hours a week you can donate to help us during this time of COVID-19, please call Shannon at 360.327.8326 or email shannond@forkshospital.org

General Health Question of the Day

- “Can smoking cigarettes affect my pets?”
 - Yes, breathing in secondhand smoke does affect household pets.

- Dogs that have been exposed to secondhand smoke can develop lung cancer along with other respiratory issues while also being more prone to developing allergies and eye infections. Colorado State University found that dogs exposed to secondhand smoke for a prolonged period of time were more at risk for nasal cancer.
- Cats do not develop lung cancer induced from secondhand smoke as often as dogs, but it does happen. Cats absorb into their fur and ingest the carcinogens, smoke, and tar. Cats that are exposed to secondhand smoke often present symptoms of coughing, hyperventilation, and wheezing.
- Fish aquariums collect the toxic residue poisoning their water. Ammonia and Nicotine are highly toxic to fish.
- Guinea Pigs and other common gerbils develop COPD-like symptoms.
- Birds gather nicotine on their feathers. They ingest the nicotine, which is poisonous, during preening.
- To build a plan to quit smoking visit <https://smokefree.gov/build-your-quit-plan>.
- If you have general health information questions, please send them to information@forkshospital.org. *No private medical information, please.*

Thank You

- Thank You, Gary Sinise Foundation for providing lunch to the entire hospital staff. Thank you to Devennie and her staff at Subway for preparing sandwiches and cookies.
- Thank You, Debbie Anderson as you continue to organize donated items and sewing efforts.
- Thank You, Robyn Wright for your huge donation of masks.
- Thank You, Anonymous for your mask donation.
- Thank You, CDK for continuing to make masks and for taking the donation of cloth and elastic from Nancy Eaton to turn into more masks.
- Thank You, Louis Hunley for your continued donation of masks.

Make a Difference at Forks Community Hospital

- Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) is looking for two new council members. If you are someone who wants to make a difference in patient care at Forks Community Hospital, can meet monthly for approximately 2 hours, would like to speak up and share suggestions, and keep any information you hear private and confidential, PFAC may be a good fit for you. For more information or to apply, contact Angie Pursley at angiep@forkshospital.org or call 360.327.8091.
- We are recruiting new members now, this will ensure all paperwork is completed prior to our being able to meet.
- For more information, or to apply, visit <https://www.forkshospital.org/patient-family-advisory-council/>

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. 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.
- 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