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New Positive COVID-19 Case Reported in Stevens County

Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) was notified today, June 27, 2020, of a new positive COVID-19 case in Stevens County. This brings the combined total of positive cases for Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties to 21. Ferry (1), Pend Oreille (3), and Stevens (17).

The individual who tested positive resides in the Loon Lake/Chewelah area and is hospitalized currently. From our initial investigation, this person does not appear to have been in contact with any known or suspected individuals with COVID-19 and that exposure to the virus occurred somewhere within the community. NETCHD staff is in process of notifying close contacts to give them guidance and advise of precautions they should take.

On June 26, 2020 the statewide mandatory face covering order took effect, which now requires all individuals to wear a facial covering when in an indoor public space or outdoors where you are not able to stay six feet apart from others. The purpose of the cloth masks is to protect other people, especially staff working in our local businesses, from getting COVID-19 from us when we talk, cough or sneeze. Between 20-40 percent of people with COVID-19 don't show any symptoms but can still spread the virus to others.

Anyone can catch it. Anyone can spread it. Please help keep everyone safe.

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