



Chelan-Douglas Health District

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Local Patient Tested for COVID-19

East Wenatchee, WA – On March 2, 2020, Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) was notified that a patient at Cascade Medical in Leavenworth met criteria for COVID-19 testing. CDHD and Cascade Medical worked together to submit the test to the State Public Health Laboratory. Some family members and potentially exposed health care workers have been asked to self-isolate and monitor themselves for symptoms, pending test results which will be available in a few days.

The patient has attended some classes recently at Wenatchee Valley College's Wenatchee campus. WVC is responding actively and has cleaned the Wenatchee campus overnight, following best practices for sanitization to prevent the spread of illness. Custodians focused their efforts on sanitizing areas with large numbers of students, including classrooms, computer equipment, labs and common areas. Campus was cleaned using anti-viral cleaners.

Note that closure of the campus or of specific facilities is **not** recommended in such circumstances by the Washington State Department of Health or the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. No WVC closures are expected at this time and WVC students and employees can attend classes and work normally. WVC will continue to work closely with public health and will review the situation when test results are available in a few days. Students and members of the public may sign up for emergency text alerts to be notified of any WVC delays or closures by texting "CAMPUSAERTS" to 67283.

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WVC will provide more information as it becomes available and answer common questions at wvc.edu/PublicHealth.

For more information about Cascade Medical's response, visit cascademedical.org.

This joint news release is the product of close cooperation between Cascade Medical, Wenatchee Valley College and Chelan-Douglas Health District.

It is important for all of us to continue to take these protective measures:

- **Washing your hands frequently (for 20 seconds) or if unable to wash, using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol**
- **Avoid touching your mouth and eyes**
- **Cover your cough and sneezes**
- **Stay away from people who are sick**
- **Stay home if you are sick**

If you have symptoms and reasons to believe your symptoms are connected to COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider, or call the state Department of Health hotline, (800) 525-0127. For public health information, please [like us on Facebook](#) or [follow us on Twitter](#).

Additional Resources:

[Chelan-Douglas Health District](#)

[Washington State Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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Wenatchee Valley College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and student enrollment. All programs are free from discrimination and harassment against any person because of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, age, parental status or families with children, marital status, religion, genetic information, honorably discharged veteran or military status or any other prohibited basis per RCW 49.60.030, 040 and other federal and state laws and regulations, or participation in the complaint process. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and Title IX compliance for both the Wenatchee and Omak campuses:

- *To report discrimination or harassment: Title IX Coordinator, Wenatchi Hall 2322M, (509) 682-6445, title9@wvc.edu.*
- *To request disability accommodations: Director of Student Access, Wenatchi Hall 2133, (509) 682-6854, TTY/TTD: dial 711, sas@wvc.edu.*

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