COVID-19 Outbreak Definition
Information for Grant County long term care facilities.

The Washington State Department of Health has aligned their outbreak with CSTE, which now defines an outbreak in long-term care as:

- ≥1 facility-acquired* COVID-19 case in a resident
    - *Facility-acquired COVID-19 infection in a long-term care resident is defined as a confirmed diagnosis 14 days or more after admission for a non-COVID condition, without an exposure during the previous 14 days to another setting where an outbreak was known or suspected to be occurring.
- Though facilities should perform an investigation if one or more of the following criteria are met:
    - ≥1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or HCP;
    - ≥3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72-hour period

How to Report an Outbreak:

- **To notify Grant County Health Department of a positive case of COVID-19 within your facility please call 509-766-7960 ext. 56 during business hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.).**
    - **After business hours please call: 509-398-2083.**

COVID-19 Positive Resident:

- COVID-19 positive resident: Place in aerosol contact precautions and post precautions sign on door.
    - If possible, place in private rooms
    - If private rooms are unavailable, avoid placing residents with high probability of exposure with residents at high risk for severe disease.
- COVID-19 positive HCP: Exclude from work following HCP isolation guidelines
- Prepare to open a COVID-19 unit and quarantine unit (if not already open):
    - Place all residents who test positive in the COVID-19 unit. Provide care using dedicated staff using aerosol contact precautions.
    - Exclude all staff from work who test positive following isolation guidelines.

COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist:

- Begin unit-wide testing, including all residents and staff present in the facility two days prior to onset of the identified case.
- Report all positive residents and staff to your LHJ - 509-766-7960 ext. 56
- Notify residents PCP's of their COVID positive test.
- Request Paxlovid for COVID positive residents from their PCP.
- Notify all HCP, residents, and families of the outbreak. Reinforce basic infection control practices.
- Maintain adherence to cohorting guidelines, frequent testing, and proper PPE use to minimize your outbreak.
- Continue testing all residents and staff on affected unit who previously tested negative every 3-7 days for a minimum of 14 days from most recent positive result, or according to LHJ direction.
- Notify your LHJ of any severe outcomes during the outbreak period