

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

Updated: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - The Washington State Department of Health has aligned their [outbreak](#) with CSTE, which now defines an outbreak in long-term care as:

≥2 cases of probable or confirmed COVID-19 among residents, with epi-linkage

OR

≥2 cases of suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 among HCP

AND ≥1 case of probable or confirmed COVID-19 among residents, with epi-linkage,

AND no other more likely sources of exposure for at least 1 of the case

### 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
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