

News Release

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Whitman County has received 29 new positive COVID-19 test results today, bringing the County total, to date, to 2429. 4 cases are currently hospitalized. All other cases are stable and self-isolating. Total deaths, to date, remain at 22.

<b>New Cases</b>		
<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>0-19</b>	3	1
<b>20-39</b>	8	7
<b>40-59</b>	2	3
<b>60-79</b>	2	2
<b>80+</b>	1	0

After consulting with our health officer, Whitman County Public Health is going to wait until the transmission rate regresses and the regional health care system stabilizes before adopting the new quarantine guidance that was recently issued by the CDC and Washington State Department of Health.

Indoor social gatherings in the State of Washington are restricted from November 17 to December 14 unless:

- All participants quarantine for fourteen (14) days prior to the social gathering.
- All participants quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the gathering, and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering.

Gathering with people you don't live with – even close friends and family – may spread COVID-19. The safest action for everyone is to avoid gatherings, even outdoors, and find different ways to celebrate this season. For recommendations on how to make any gathering safer visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/safer-gatherings>.

Current COVID-19 activity highlights the need for individuals to maintain social distancing and personal vigilance. Masks are an easy and effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

For more information visit [www.whitmancountypublichealth.org/covid-19](http://www.whitmancountypublichealth.org/covid-19) .

Future Whitman County press releases will be as needed.

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