

News Release

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Whitman County remains at a total of 8 positive COVID-19 test results. All patients are stable and self-isolating. Public Health Department is investigating close contacts of the most recent positive patients. More information to follow as available.

Whitman County Public Health does not plan on releasing patients' city of residence. It has been the Health Department's belief that COVID 19 has most likely gone undetected in our community for some time. The inability to perform adequate testing has greatly impacted their ability to identify and contain this disease. It is therefore prudent for all residents to maintain social distancing and monitor their own health under the assumption that the disease is in their community. We all as American's are in this together and we all have the potential of being personally impacted.

The Whitman County Health Department regularly updates their Facebook page with helpful information regarding personal protection and the status of county health operations.

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