

News Release

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Whitman County remains at 26 total positive COVID-19 test results. The 6 new cases include 2 females aged 0-19, 1 female aged 40-59, 1 female aged 60-79, 1 male aged 20-39, and 1 male aged 60-79. 19 of the 26 have recovered and 7 are stable and isolating at home.

The Washington State Secretary of Health has approved Whitman County's Phase 3 application request. People in high risk populations are strongly encouraged to limit their participation in social activities.

An individual Phase 3 business sector (such as movie theaters, libraries, and museums) may reopen only AFTER the state publishes its guidelines for the specific sector. In addition, an individual business is only allowed to reopen after it can implement those guidelines. The guidelines can be accessed at <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>.

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) has guidance on the wearing of face masks by employees that is available on their website at <https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-topics/topics/coronavirus#fact-sheets-and-prevention-materials>.

Current COVID-19 activity highlights the need for individuals to maintain social distancing and personal vigilance.

The Whitman County Health Department regularly updates their website with helpful information including phased opening guidance, personal protection and the status of county health operations.

Future Whitman County press releases will be as needed.

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