

COVID-19 cases continue to rise across Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties. The case data for our counties is available on our website: [www.netchd.org](http://www.netchd.org).

For consistency and clarity, please advise patients accordingly:

#### Isolation

- Patients must isolate while awaiting test results. If COVID-19 is highly suspected, the patient's household members should be strongly advised to quarantine as well.
- Patients with COVID must isolate for a full 10 days after their symptom onset or positive test result **before** returning to normal activities on the 11<sup>th</sup> day **and** fever must be absent for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Severe illness requiring hospitalization or severely immunocompromised patients must isolate for a full 20 days after symptom onset.
- Patients who are asymptomatic at the time of their positive test who later develop symptoms must isolate for 10 days **after symptom onset**, not the date of their positive test.
- Repeated COVID-19 testing after someone has met initial isolation criteria **should not occur**.

#### Quarantine

- People with **known exposure** must quarantine for 14 days after last exposure. A person with a known exposure should wait 5-7 days before getting tested. **A negative test during these 14 days does not release someone from quarantine.**
- Mask usage, by either the case or the exposed person, does not negate the need for quarantine with the exposed person, except in exposed healthcare workers wearing proper PPE.
- Household members of a single exposed person, such as a child exposed at school, **do not** need to quarantine with the exposed person unless the exposed person develops symptoms and/or tests positive.

Additionally, NETCHD would like to make you aware of a letter from the Food and Drug Administration on the potential for false positive results with rapid antigen tests for COVID-19:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/potential-false-positive-results-antigen-tests-rapid-detection-sars-cov-2-letter-clinical-laboratory>

Please ensure this information is shared with the appropriate staff within your facility.

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