

Klamath County Public Health

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Klamath County reports 55 new cases of COVID-19, 1 death

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. – Klamath County Public Health (KCPH) officials report 55 new cases of COVID-19 and another death. The local case count is 1,413. The total deaths are 12.

Of the cases announced today, 28 were in the statewide database Saturday and are assigned to last week. The week's count was 227.

This week's count is 27. The reporting week runs from Sunday through Saturday.

The deceased was a 74-year-old man who died at his residence. He had underlying health conditions.

Like most of the state, Klamath County is experiencing a surge in cases. A revised approach to contact investigations and close contact follow up is part of a statewide plan developed in response to the statewide growth in cases.

The approach incorporates a priority structure to ensure those at highest risk receive contact from KCPH first. More than half of the counties in Oregon have moved to this surge protocol, as local and state resources reach capacity in this critical pandemic response.

Webpages have been created for those who have tested positive and their close contacts. Links can be found at the top of the <http://publichealth.klamathcounty.org/coronavirus> page. Close contacts may not be contacted by KCPH.

Those who have tested positive should let their close contacts know of their exposure. A close contact is someone who has been within six feet of a positive individual for 15 or more cumulative minutes, with or without a mask.

To protect yourself:

- Keep your distance by maintaining six feet of social or physical distancing between yourself and others.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, utilizing hand sanitizer when washing facilities are not available.
- Sanitize surfaces that are often touched.
- Avoid gatherings of any size where social or physical distancing is not possible.

To protect others around you:

- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home when sick.
- Wear a clean mask in public spaces, including outdoors when six feet of social distance cannot be maintained.

Sex	Cases	Deaths
Male	670	7
Female	743	5
Unknown	—	—
Total	1,413	12

Age group	Cases	Deaths
0-14	98	—
15-19	68	—
20-29	312	—
30-39	241	—
40-49	235	1
50-59	180	1
60-69	159	3
70-79	92	5
80 and over	28	2
Not available	—	—
Total	1,413	12