



Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

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It is too early to know whether Labor Day weekend brought an increase in COVID-19 cases, for now the rate here has continued to decrease and we are back in the moderate risk zone (25-75 cases per 100,000 population). This is all good news but not a reason to become complacent.

The 2020-2021 school year started last week with most classes being held online in Clallam County, and a hybrid model in Jefferson County (2 days in person, 3 days at home). Public health officials have systems to screen students and teachers, and a plan to respond to any outbreaks.

Our Human Resources department has a new COVID-19 sick leave policy in place. If you or members of your family have been exposed to or test positive for COVID-19, please use this new paid leave option. The policy is intended help protect you and your co-workers and to reduce the burden that missing work can cause. Any questions regarding the new policy can be directed to your supervisor or directly to Human Resources.

It is sad that the pandemic has become so politicized and that people seem to forget how many have been impacted. Almost 200,000 Americans have lost their lives to COVID-19 with Indian Country being hit particularly hard. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those who have lost their lives or whose health has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to their grieving families.

Please remember to be kind to each other during these challenging times. The fight is not over, be safe and smart, wear masks, practice social distancing and healthy hygiene practices.

God bless,

W. Ron Allen, Council Chair/CEO