



Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

October 8, 2020

Some of you have probably seen the construction underway at the Blyn Administration/Natural Resources Building. The front parking lot is torn up to allow for an expanded touchless entryway, and inside, the office remodeling work is going to create more private office spaces for improved social distancing. Additional work is being done with the old Carving Shed into a Construction, Facilities & Maintenance facility for that staff. More to come on how it is being restructured to be more efficient.

Included in this project is installing keyless entries to all Blyn buildings and offices, to create touchless entry, and allow for improved building access control and contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. You can expect to receive a key fob to access your office spaces, once the installations are complete.

Amber Almond, our receptionist & administrative support, as well as some of the accounting staff, have been relocated to Red Cedar Hall during the remodel. Deliveries and mail are being routed there, get in touch with Amber if you have any questions about the temporary location of your mailbox. Free cotton masks are available there as well, please take some if you or your family are in need.

As we move toward the holiday season, Dr. Unthank urges us to remain vigilant and avoid large gatherings, even though it will be sad to have to celebrate the holidays with less company than normal. If we continue to wear masks, meet outdoors, remain socially distanced, and avoid gathering in larger groups, we can keep the virus under control. If we do not, we may see a fall/winter surge in positive cases.

The Washington State Department of Health is on track to submit its vaccine plan including distribution to the Centers for Disease Control by the Oct. 16th deadline. You can expect more details on that plan once they become available.

Stay healthy and remember to register to vote,

W. Ron Allen, Council Chair/CEO