



KITSAP COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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A message from the Kitsap Public Health District...

We added a negative test count to our COVID-19 dashboard today based on new data from the state Department of Health. According to their data, 2,561 negative tests had been reported for Kitsap as of April 13. Visit the Kitsap Public Health District's COVID-19 page at <https://bit.ly/2y1OTS2>

We are still reporting 132 total positive tests to date. While we have not received any reports of new cases in the past few days, it is too soon to know if this indicates an improving trend. It is vital that people continue stay home as much as possible and practice healthy habits like hand washing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Here are answers to recent questions we've received about case reporting:

- We are not aware of any technical issues affecting positive test reporting at this time and we believe the numbers we are have posted accurately reflect the positive tests reported in our county to date.
- Based on new data from the state Department of Health and reports from health care providers, we believe the number of COVID-19 tests administered in our county has declined overall.
- We are working to better understand if demand for testing has decreased or if there are issues affecting access to testing. We will share what we learn with the community.
- We know not everyone who is sick will be tested and there are likely more COVID-19 cases in our community than we are able to report.
- Regardless of how many cases are reported, it is vital that people continue to stay home as much as possible and practice healthy habits like hand washing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Models show that relaxing social distancing measures too early will lead to a new wave of COVID-19 cases in the future. We can't afford to let our guard down now.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep our community healthy!