

For Immediate Release

Date: April 21, 2021 Press Release 21-004: Four New Positive Prince of Wales COVID-19 Cases For Information: Brian Templin, 907-826-3275, planner@craigak.com

On April 20, 2021 the Craig Emergency Operations Center was notified of a total of five new cases on Prince of Wales Island. These cases include:

- Two cases in Craig (one community spread, one secondary to a known positive)
- Three cases in communities of less than 1,000 persons (one travel related, one secondary to a known positive, and one community spread)

This case brings the total positive cases for Craig to fourteen positive cases since April 2020. The last reported case in Craig was a non-resident case reported on February 25, 2020. There are a number of contacts that are currently in quarantine, including contacts that are symptomatic and it is likely that there will be additional positive cases reported over the next week.

Since two of the cases on Prince of Wales have been attributed to community spread it is essential that local residents do their best to stay safe and to stop the spread of the infection. It is critical that everyone does their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by wearing face coverings in public settings, maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet or more from non-household members, washing your hands, keeping social bubbles small, seeking testing even with mild symptoms and getting vaccinated for those 16 years of age and older

Vaccinations will slow the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the chances of variants of the virus developing. In addition, if you have been fully vaccinated (both doses of Moderna/Pfizer or a single dose of J&J vaccine plus two weeks) you do not have to quarantine if you are identified as a contact of a positive case.

You can contact SEARHC at 755-4800 or PeaceHealth Prince of Wales at 826-3257 if you are symptomatic, need testing for travel (or other testing needs), or want to sign up to be vaccinated. Vaccinations are currently open to everyone 16 years old and older.

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