

## For Immediate Release

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On Saturday, April 24, 2021 the Craig Emergency Operations Center was notified of a total of four new cases on Prince of Wales Island, bringing the active case count to 15 cases. The most current cases include:

- Two cases in Craig (one case is travel related and one case is secondary contact)
- Two cases in POW Community(ies) with less than 1,000 residents

Craig Public Health has conducted case investigations and contact tracing. To date, Prince of Wales has had a total of 62 confirmed cases. 47 cases are considered recovered, and 15 cases are currently active.

The Craig City School District has reported that some of the recent cases directly associated with the school. Craig City Schools have moved to the Red/High Risk category for April 26 – April 30, 2021.

Since a number of the cases on Prince of Wales have been attributed to community spread it is essential that local residents continue to do their best to stay safe and to stop the spread of the infection. Wear face coverings in public settings, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more from non-household members, wash your hands, keep social bubbles small, seek testing even with mild symptoms and get 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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