

Public Health COVID-19 update

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Clark County

as of May 26

Number positive tests	510
Number of deaths	25
Number of people tested*	8,834

**DOH data as of May 24. May not include all negative tests.*



Testing capacity

- **Types of testing in Clark County**
 - PCR: 28 facilities
 - Point of care: 7
 - Antibody: 7
- **Capacity**
 - PCR: 11,000 weekly
 - Point of care: 3,125 weekly
- **Kaiser Permanente: 2,100 PCR; 700-800 POC**
- **Legacy Salmon Creek: 2,800 PCR (inpatient only)**
- **PeaceHealth Southwest: 420 PCR (inpatient and ED only); 525 POC (inpatient and Family Birth Center only)**
- **Providence Medical Group: 5,600 PCR (Portland service area total)**
- **Rose Family Clinic: 140 PCR (drive-up testing)**
- **The Vancouver Clinic: 1,900 POC**



Testing results

Week ending	No. tests reported	No. tests negative	No. tests positive	Positivity	Ideal target*
April 18, 2020	1049	991	58	5.53%	2900
April 25, 2020	1382	1347	35	2.53%	1750
May 2, 2020	1563	1540	23	1.47%	1150
May 9, 2020	1583	1557	26	1.64%	1300
May 16, 2020	1575	1556	19	1.21%	950

*Ideal target is to perform about 50 tests per case and have a percent positivity of no more than 2 percent.



Testing - shelters

- Partnering with The Vancouver Clinic to provide testing in local homeless shelters.
- Completed testing in two shelters:
 - Women's shelter
 - 12 people tested
 - All negative
 - Men's shelter
 - 50 people tested
 - All negative
- Testing at two more shelters scheduled for this week. Three more to follow in early June.



Testing – long-term care facilities

- Identified and investigated 17 outbreaks in long-term care facilities.
 - 7 adult family homes
 - 6 assisted living facilities
 - 4 skilled nursing facilities
- Partnering with The Vancouver Clinic to provide on-site testing of employees, residents in facilities with a positive case.
- Testing:
 - 975 tests
 - 44 residents tested positive
 - 28 staff tested positive
 - 1 visitor/other
- 16 resident deaths



Firestone Pacific Foods outbreak



Summary

As of Tuesday, May 26:

Employees tested	165
Employees positive	69 (4 non-Clark County residents)
Close contacts tested	83
Close contacts positive	15

- Close contact totals only represent those who were tested by The Vancouver Clinic. Does not include those who may have been tested by their own provider.
 - Recommendations for close contact testing began Sunday. Expect additional testing of close contacts.
- Additional employee testing:
 - 24 employees yet to be tested
 - 25 employees tested negative with rapid test; need re-testing using PCR



Summary

- Of 59 completed case interviews of employees, **18 did not have symptoms** at the time of their interview with Public Health.
 - Similar data is not yet available for close contacts.
- These cases may have gone undetected and potentially exposed others without the facility-wide testing.
- Currently no evidence the outbreak has spread beyond Firestone employees and their close contacts.
- Firestone outbreak accounted for 80 of the 83 cases reported to Public Health over the holiday weekend.



Timeline

Monday, May 18

- Public Health interviewed case that was reported over the weekend.
 - Ensure case was isolated and begin notifying close contacts.
- Two additional cases reported to Public Health (one non-Clark County resident). Case interviews and contact notifications done.
- Interviews of the new cases suggested a common exposure at Firestone Pacific Foods.
- Nurse investigator began investigating the facility and its safety practices.
 - Talked through each case to identify distancing procedures
- Provided Firestone with information about testing at Sea Mar and Rose Urgent Care for uninsured patients.



Timeline

Tuesday, May 19

- Additional 3 cases reported to Public Health (1 non-Clark County resident). Cases interviewed and contacts notified.
 - Total cases: 6 (two not Clark County residents)
- Nurse investigator identified areas of improvement regarding facility infection prevention.
- Instructed Firestone to stop production until they had clearance from Labor & Industries.
- Reached out to The Vancouver Clinic about testing all employees.
- Reached out to Labor and Industries to have them potentially inspect the facility and approve a safety plan.



Timeline

Wednesday, May 20

- No new cases reported to Public Health.
 - Total cases: 6
- Working with Labor & Industries.
 - Firestone sent safety plan to Public Health and Labor & Industries.
 - Labor & Industries made edits to plan.
- Continued to reach out to The Vancouver Clinic about testing of all employees.
 - Clinic working with Firestone directly to pay for testing.
- Firestone had professional cleaning done.



Timeline

Thursday, May 21

- Additional 6 cases reported to Public Health throughout the day. Cases interviewed and contacts notified.
 - Total cases: 12 (two not Clark County residents)
- Conference call with Labor & Industries, Firestone, nurse investigator and deputy health officer to discuss testing plans and workplace safety.
 - Labor & Industries agreed to do virtual walkthrough of facility Friday morning.
- Reached out to The Vancouver Clinic to help move testing approval along.



Timeline

Friday, May 22

- Additional 26 cases reported to Public Health late Friday afternoon, following the start of facility-wide testing. Begin interviewing cases and notifying contacts.
 - Total cases: 38 (two not Clark County residents)
- Facility-wide testing approved by The Vancouver Clinic at 11:30 am. Firestone directs employees to get tested at Vancouver Clinic urgent care clinics.
- Labor & Industries conducted virtual walkthrough of facility. Discussed safety plan with Firestone.



Timeline

Saturday, May 23

- Additional 23 cases reported to Public Health via facility-wide testing at The Vancouver Clinic.
 - Continued to interview cases and notify contacts.
 - Brought in additional staff to help with interviews and notifications.
- Vancouver Clinic agreed to test all close contacts of cases, whether showing symptoms or not.
- Testing continued for Firestone employees.
- Issued news release with information about the outbreak and Public Health response.



Timeline

Sunday, May 24

- Continued to interview cases and notify close contacts.
- Recommended quarantining all employees – not just those employees identified as close contacts of employees who have tested positive.
 - By end of day Saturday, 54 cases among 145 people tested (37% positivity), prompting recommendation
- Testing continued of employees. Testing of employees' close contacts began.

Monday, May 25

- Continued to interview cases and notify close contacts.
- Testing continued of employees and close contacts.



Timeline

Tuesday, May 25

- Total cases: 84
 - 69 employees (four not Clark County residents)
 - 15 close contacts
- Continued to interview cases and notify close contacts.
- Followed up with employees who have not been tested to encourage testing.
- Issued news release with updated outbreak information and Public Health response.



Takeaways

- Facility-wide testing took time to set up
 - Payment arrangements for uninsured employees
 - Logistics of testing large number of people
- Timely closure of the facility ensured transmission could not continue among employees.
- Testing of all employees revealed cases that may have gone undetected and potentially exposed others in the community.
- Response shows Public Health has the capacity and ability to respond to an outbreak.



Phase 2 variance



Phase 2 variance

- Gov. Inslee announced Tuesday, May 19 new criteria to allow larger counties to apply for a variance to enter Phase 2 of the reopening plan.
 - Requires fewer than 10 cases per 100,000 people in the county over the last 14 days, among other metrics.
- Public Health completed application and submitted to state Secretary of Health on Friday afternoon.
 - At the time the application was compiled, Clark County met all metrics, including case totals over previous 14 days.
 - Not until results of facility-wide testing came in late Friday did Clark County no longer meet the 10 cases per 100,000 people metric.



Next steps

- Discussion with Secretary of Health regarding status of our Phase 2 variance request.
 - Requesting further guidance needed for moving to Phase 2.
 - Currently, no timeline for moving forward.
- Continue efforts to increase staffing for case interviews and contact notification.
- Continue efforts to control the outbreak at Firestone and work with Firestone to ensure following latest CDC guidance on infection prevention.
- Continue to collect data, countywide and specific to Firestone.



Thank you!