

A Roadmap for Swinomish to Safely Re-open Tribal Enterprises and Government Offices

- Purpose: A guide to opening Swinomish enterprises and government offices while maintaining the health of the community by containing COVID-19
- Background/Overview:
 - Opening of casino and enterprises needed ASAP and to be done safely. Negative Covid19 PCR test in order to start work and every 14 days after, depending on the results, state of Skagit County and neighboring counties.
 - Continue testing all essential workers every 14 days x 3
 - NW Laboratories can run 10,000 tests per day and has test kits as needed, with results available in 24-48 hours.
 - County DOH drive-through testing with the capacity of testing 200 people per day.
- Preliminary Strategy: Screen for SARS-CoV-2 RNA (regardless of symptoms) in phases for the following populations so we keep the virus from spreading through the community:
 - A. All healthcare workers (approximately 150 people)
 - B. All essential employees (approximately 100 people)
 - C. All casino employees (approximately 600 people)
 - D. All other enterprise workers (approximately 70 people)
 - E. All high-risk community members living on the reservation (# TBD)
 - F. All government employees (approximately 350 people)
 - G. All contacts of positive cases (number unknown)

Notes:

- Screening of tribal members: testing done at the Swinomish Medical Clinic, the Swinomish Drive-thru sites or at the county DOH site.
 - Non-tribal members/employees: testing done at the Swinomish drive-thru site or county DOH site
 - Additional hire of CNA and volunteers: 4th yr medical student and a local EMT to help with testing
- Current status: Results organized primarily by location of testing- largely reflecting which group tested
 - A. Swinomish Medical Clinic: testing of symptomatic patients, (primarily tribal members during pandemic), healthcare workers, and tribal members needing testing for work; government or enterprise, children attending youth programs: 173 total # of tests, all NEGATIVE
 - B. Swinomish Enterprises (testing done at drive-thru site): Testing done at re-hire or return from furlough, (baseline), day 14 and second phase of employees returning to work: 688 total # of tests
 - C. Government Employees: results reflected in Swinomish Medical Clinic results or in Skagit County numbers: 486 cases, out of 9,506 tests (5.1% positive)

Discussion: Difficult to assess individual groups due to volume of testing and logistics of flow. Wanting to test as many people as possible therefore reduce barriers to testing which includes getting people through the process as quickly and painlessly as possible. **NO POSITIVE RESULTS** from the Swinomish testing sites, nor of people living on the reservation resulted from the county site.

NW Lab: “based on our comparison studies using WA state Department of Health samples as the comparator, as well as Quidel positive control samples, our sensitivity is 100% and our false negative rate is 0%.”

Moving Forward: Stay Flexible!

- HCW's every 14 days routinely
- Government employees as they return to work. Not required to test q14d at this time.
- Children of summer youth programs
- Enterprise employees as needed –
- Drive-thru testing as needed
- Fireworks personnel have opportunity to test now, at baseline. Plan to test in 14 days from start of sales, sooner prn.
- Contact tracers are trained and in place.

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