



Chelan-Douglas Health District

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COVID-19 Message to Employers

East Wenatchee, WA – Chelan-Douglas Health District has learned that some local employers are sending non-symptomatic employees to receive COVID-19 tests in an attempt to document that they are not infected. In the absence of specific covid-like symptoms or other specific circumstances involving extended exposure to infected people, this is not an appropriate use of our limited testing capacity. It also results in a lot of unhappy employees, who discover that tests are not actually done for that purpose. To our knowledge this is not being done anywhere in the United States and is unlikely to occur even when testing resources have improved greatly. If you are an employer, please do not impede access to justifiable testing by attempting to have your employees tested just in case.

At Chelan-Douglas Health District we are impressed at the calm and dedicated way our communities are implementing some very difficult measures. We are doing it because it protects our families and neighbors, but it is not easy. Thanks to everyone in our area for making this work. You are helping to save lives.

COVID-19 Resources:

[Chelan-Douglas Health District](#)

[Washington State Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

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