



Yamhill County
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ALERT

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Health Care Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health
Fax number: (503) 472-9731

Date: **7/29/21**

Regarding: *Updated testing recommendations
as COVID-19 cases rise*

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**

COVID-19 cases are rising nationally and in Oregon as a result of the Delta variant. Oregon Health Authority anticipates an increased need for COVID-19 testing in the coming weeks and would like to remind clinicians that anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, however mild, should be tested regardless of vaccination status. Please also note that the CDC has updated their recommendations to include testing for all individuals with a recent exposure to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

Abbott BinaxNOW rapid point-of-care tests are still available to any primary, urgent or emergency care provider in Oregon for free. If you are interested in obtaining these tests, please contact ORESf8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsosha.state.or.us. Please note that this testing must occur under a CLIA certificate of waiver and that providers must accept Medicare and Medicaid patients.

We remind all clinicians to familiarize themselves with the accuracy of COVID-19 testing. The sensitivity of COVID-19 testing is limited and negative results do not exclude infection.

Please distribute this information broadly to licensed and unlicensed health care partners, including primary care, urgent care, specialty care, behavioral health, chiropractic, acupuncture, naturopathy and dental settings.

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