

August 7, 2020

TO: Hanford Site Employees
FROM: HPMC Occupational Medical Services

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Testing and Occupational Contact Tracing Update

On June 4, HPMC Occupational Medical Services (HPMC OMS) received a contract task order from the Department of Energy to establish capability to conduct COVID-19 testing and occupational contact tracing at the Hanford Site.

The task order includes provision of these services to DOE and Hanford Prime Contractors, including Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant contractors, who normally receive occupational medical services from Medcor, Inc.

Activity Recap:

- HPMC OMS hired additional healthcare staff with COVID-19 clinical expertise.
- Procured testing materials and supplies
- Established testing and results process with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and piloted on June 25; use of PNNL is on hold pending contract update
- Established DOE and prime contractor COVID-19 points of contact to improve communication between HPMC OMS, DOE, and other Hanford prime contractors
- Implemented occupational contact tracing for Hanford workers who test positive for COVID-19
- Established testing and results process with Interpath Laboratory (IPL) and piloted on Aug. 4

Occupational Contact Tracing:

HPMC OMS is working with the Benton-Franklin Health District to conduct occupational (worksite) contact tracing of Hanford workers who test positive for COVID-19. By identifying workers who have been in contact with a worker who has tested positive, it is possible to interrupt disease spread.

The Emergency Operations Center notifies HPMC OMS of a reported positive COVID-19 result. The HPMC OMS nurse begins the contact tracing process by interviewing the worker who tested positive. HPMC OMS will then call those workers who may have had close contact with the worker who tested positive. Information and instructions will be provided in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Workers not contacted by HPMC OMS do not need to take additional action. All workers should continue the use of routine precautions including frequent handwashing, mask use, social distancing, and self-monitoring for symptoms. Workers should stay home if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if anyone they have been in close contact with is in isolation.

COVID-19 Testing:

When directed by DOE, HPMC OMS will provide limited COVID-19 testing for Hanford workers by appointment only. Contact your primary care provider as needed for illness.

Employee COVID-19 Resources:

- HPMC OMS HLAN Public Health webpage: <http://health.ri.gov/page.cfm/publichealth>
- DOE COVID-19 webpage: <http://www.ri.gov/page.cfm/COVID-19>
- Company Status and Information: <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/CompanyStatus>
- HPMC OMS external Public Health webpage: <https://www.hanford.gov/health/page.cfm/PublicHealthAwareness>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Washington Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>