

WTP Connections: COVID-19 Update and Reporting




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New DOE Process for Reporting COVID-19 Cases

The Department of Energy's Office of River Protection has requested that Hanford Site contractors institute a process by which workers can self-report a presumptive or confirmed positive test result (see DOE message below). If you have received an official presumptive positive or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 from a health care provider or public health authority and work at the WTP Project, please self-identify and report it to the Project.

If you are a non-manual employee working for Bechtel, Amentum, or WTCC or a subcontractor:

Please call the WTP 24/7 number at 509-545-2776  and provide your name and phone number to the operator. The operator will notify a WTP Safety and Health professional who will contact you.

If you are a WTCC craft employee:

Please follow normal procedure and call the normal absence notification hotline at 509-373-8728  and leave your name and number and include a message that you have been officially tested and received a result of presumptive positive or confirmed by a medical provider or public health authority. A WTP Safety and Health professional will contact you.

The S&H professional will ask the employee a list of questions (see attached) and then notify the Hanford Emergency Operations Center of a presumed positive or confirmed case. The intent of this approach is to collect details to support informed decision making.

DO NOT call this number if you have not been officially tested and received a result of presumptive positive or confirmed by a medical provider or public health authority. For regular, routine notifications of calling into work sick, please contact your manager or

supervisor. As a reminder, we continue to ask that if you are sick, please, for the safety of yourself and others, do not come to work.

MedCor Capabilities

MedCor is not a primary care facility and should not be utilized in place of your primary care provider or urgent care. It does not have the ability to treat or to provide testing for COVID-19. For testing questions, contact your health care provider.

Frequently Asked Questions Resource

A [frequently asked questions webpage](#) has been set up on the Vit Plant internal web site. Team members with questions can email wtpcomm@bechtel.com, which will be monitored on weekday business hours. Answers will be posted to the webpage as reviewed and finalized. These FAQ will also be made available to craft at the jobsite's Communication Stations. General, non-work-related questions should be directed to the Washington State Department of Health's public call center: 1-800-525-0127 , which is staffed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. PST seven days a week.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for continuing to make your safety and the safety of your coworkers a priority every day.

Department of Energy Hanford Message

From: ^RL/ORP Manager

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:00 PM

Subject: CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION UPDATE AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES

All ORP/RL Employees:

SUBJECT: CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION UPDATE AND MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES

DOE senior management continues to monitor public health agency webpages for updates and new information on the coronavirus (COVID-19). Your health and safety are our priority, and we will continue to share information as it becomes available.

In an abundance of caution, and with the safety of the Hanford team in mind, we asked Hanford Site Contractors to put in place administrative procedures that could be followed in the event an employee provides notification of a positive or presumptive test for COVID-19.

Administrative procedures for the DOE Office of River Protection and the Richland Operations Office are in place and are attached for your information. Employees should report a positive or presumptive test for COVID-19 to their supervisor (see above direction for WTP workers), who will gather information and notify the Site Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Shift Office. The Shift Office will initiate appropriate actions and notifications.

In the meantime, we continue to rely on you to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations to help minimize your risk. We continue to ask that if you are sick, please, for the safety of yourself and others, do not come to work.

As a reminder, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) webpage on the Hanford intranet has been set up for Hanford Site federal and contractor employees at ([link for DOE team only](#)), and this email address has been established for employees to ask questions: (WTP team should send to wtpcomm@bechtel.com). The inbox for this email address is monitored during business hours by communications staff. Answers to questions that apply to many employees will be posted on the FAQ webpage. Questions about circumstances specific to just an employee or a few employees will be responded to directly by email from the particular federal or contractor employer as appropriate.

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