

THE HANFORD SITE

September 3, 2020

TO: All Hanford Site Employees

SUBJECT: Hanford to Remain in Phase 2 Operations

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The Hanford Site will remain in Phase 2 operations during the week of 7 September, continuing the measured and deliberate increase in the work and workforce to safely meet the needs of the Site. COVID-19 protocols that have proven effective in our earlier phases will remain in effect during Phase 2. Site leadership will continue to remain engaged with area officials each week, monitoring local conditions, and make appropriate decisions for the Site in support of the health of the Hanford team and our community.

The Phase 2 designation for Hanford is not the same as the Phase 2 designation for the state. Phase 2 at Hanford provides the opportunity to add necessary work that requires additional use of personal protective equipment now that the supply-chain performance has strengthened.

This year's Labor Day holiday is perhaps more poignant than in years past as we work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the Site and within our community. The first Monday in September, Labor Day, constitutes an annual national tribute to the contributions that workers have made to the strength and prosperity of our country. The essential work done at the Hanford Site, through the dedication and hard work of our workforce, is an excellent illustration of the ideals that Labor Day represents.

Historically, the holiday is celebrated in cities and towns across America with parades, picnics, barbecues, and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children

and young adults, the holiday represents the end of the summer and the start of a new school year. This Labor Day, we must also consider the challenges that COVID-19 represents to the well-being of our community. By celebrating responsibly, we can each contribute directly to our local businesses, our friends, and family members getting back to work so they can continue to care for their families.

Please remember the lessons we have learned over the past few months: maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, wash your hands often, and stay home if you are ill. As summer gives way to fall, I remain confident that, working together, we will continue to overcome these challenging times and move forward towards a prosperous future. I wish you all a happy and safe Labor Day holiday.

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