



Yakima Health District

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COVID-19 Outbreak at Gilbert Orchards and Sunnyside Prestige Long Term Care Facility

Yakima, WA- On May 27, 2021 the Yakima Health District was notified of 45 individuals who tested positive at Gilbert Orchards (10804 Gilbert Rd, Yakima, WA 98903).

The Yakima Health District has recommended that Gilbert Orchards implement the following:

- Require that all employees get tested every three to seven days.
- Continuously monitor staff for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Continue to ensure mask usage for staff and social distancing.
- Cohort work groups and living situations to prevent transmission.

Gilbert Orchards will continue to test their staff every three to seven days until 14 days have passed since the last positive was identified. Additionally, they will cohort work groups and living situations to prevent further transmission. Any additional cases will be reported to the Yakima Health District.

The Yakima Health District will continue to monitor for new cases and provide additional recommendations, resources and guidance as needed. Labor & Industries has been notified and is working with the Yakima Health District.

Sunnyside Prestige Long Term Care Facility

On May 21, 2021 Sunnyside Prestige Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) reported five individuals who had tested positive for COVID-19 (721 Otis Ave, Sunnyside, WA 98944). The staff has enacted protocols to stop the spread of COVID-19. Sunnyside Prestige LTCF established a COVID-19 unit separate from the rest of the facility population and dedicated staff members to this area. Additionally, they paused admissions and visitations until it is determined there is no further spread of COVID-19. The Yakima Health District will continue to monitor, conduct site visits, and be in daily communication with Sunnyside Prestige LTCF.

Quote

“This is another reminder of the importance to get vaccinated to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The more community members that are vaccinated, the less opportunity there is for this virus to spread. If you are not yet vaccinated, it is crucial to follow public health recommendations, such as wearing a mask and social distancing. Let us all do our part to ensure the community is safe.” Melissa Sixberry, RN, Director of Disease Control, Yakima Health District



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