

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Leavenworth County Health Department COVID-19 Update

Today (03-22-2020) at 4:00 PM, the Leavenworth County Health Department (LCHD) reports:

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| Total Tested (County Health and Private) | 71 |
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| Total tested by Leavenworth County Health Dept. | 42 |
| Negative results | 34 |
| Test that are pending | 4 |
| Positive results | 4 |
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| Private lab tested | 29 |
| Negative results | 25 |
| Tests that are pending | 3 |
| Positive results | 1 |
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| Total known positive results in Leavenworth County | 5 |

How is COVID-19 Transmitted?

COVID-19 is thought to spread similarly to influenza. That is, it spreads person to person through respiratory droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze. These droplets can land on surfaces within about 6 feet and can spread to other people after they contact these infected surfaces with their hands and subsequently touch their face.

Can I catch COVID-19 from contact with an object rather than a person?

Yes, you can catch COVID-19 from an object if the surface of that object has live virus on it. How long the virus can live outside an organism is unknown. Expert estimates range from a few hours to up to nine days, depending on the type of surface, surrounding temperature and environment.

The best course of action right now is to stay home. If you cannot due to being an essential employee adhere to the social distancing order of no more than 6' from another person, wash your hands frequently, clean and disinfect frequently touched areas. If you are feeling ill please stay home and self-isolate.

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