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To: ALL ORP EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Subject: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you are each aware, circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are evolving by the day around the globe. This Saturday, the Governor of the State of Washington declared a State of Emergency, directing state agencies to use “all resources necessary” to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Department of Energy (DOE) leadership, Hanford leadership and HPMC Occupational Medical Services (OMS) are closely monitoring the situation. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low and the CDC is recommending the standard preventative precautions for flu season to effectively manage the risk. However, as in all aspects of our work, preparation is key to success, and there are routine precautions we can each take to mitigate against the spread for both seasonal flu and COVID-19.

- Stay informed by continuing to review the CDC webpage, located at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

- As is always the case, should you become ill with flu-like symptoms, please stay home to help speed your own recovery and to protect your colleagues from illness as well

- Be mindful that according to the CDC, individuals could be at risk if they have been within 6 feet of others with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection.

These measures represent common sense, tangible steps we can all take to uphold the safety of our community and neighbors.

If you have questions or concerns, please talk with your supervisor.