

HOT SHEET

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Community Spread and Hotspots

If we are not doing widespread testing, how do we know if there is community spread?

There is some community spread happening, but we don't yet know how widespread it is. Public Health is working with the University of Washington on launching a research strategy to better understand how widespread transmission is.

Why is Public Health not publicizing hotspots for COVID-19?

From what we understand from the cases we've identified, it would be misleading to identify "hotspots" because with the movement of people around the region and the number of cases, the spread of coronavirus has likely moved beyond the specifically identified locations. We expect that some cases have gone to many locations while infectious.