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UW Medicine | Valley Medical Center Works with Public Health in Response to COVID-19 Incident

As the novel coronavirus continues to spread across the state and the nation, Valley Medical Center has identified several staff members who tested positive with COVID-19 in the Emergency Department. We have taken measures to prevent further spread and ongoing monitoring is in place. The department has undergone widespread testing and staff who tested positive have recovered and are off isolation.

Infection Prevention and Employee Health have worked closely with hospital leadership and in consultation with Public Health—Seattle & King County to assist in this investigation and prevent further spread. Policies requiring continuous masking, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces remain in place at all hospital and clinic facilities and are also key behaviors for home and public spaces to prevent community-acquired spread. We take our commitment to safety very seriously and are dedicated to providing care in a safe and healthy environment.