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**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY RULE CONTINUING
NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19**

Dear Provider / Administrator / Superintendent:

The Washington State Board of Health has adopted a second emergency rule-making order under WSR 20-24-81 to continue the requirements established in WAC 246-101-017 – Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Reporting. The emergency rule is effective November 29, 2020 and will be in effect for 120 days.

This emergency rule:

- Continues the designation of Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), also known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), as a notifiable condition.
- Continues the requirement for health care providers and facilities (including long-term care providers and facilities), laboratories, (including Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment or CLIA waived laboratories), and local health jurisdictions to report essential demographic and testing data with COVID-19 test results.
- Requires animal case reporting of COVID-19 by the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. For more information on this emergency rule, contact [Kaitlyn Donahoe](#), 360-584-6737, Board of Health Policy Advisor.

Sincerely,

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