

Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 576

New Cases since December 23, 2020: 16

Pacific County Active Cases: 29

Pacific County Hospitalizations to Date: 17

Pacific County Deaths 4

The Pacific County Emergency Operations Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Please give us a call with any COVID-19 related questions or concerns.

North County: (360) 875-9407 / South County: (360) 642-9407

If you are experiencing a medical, or, other type of emergency, please contact 9-1-1 immediately.

We are experiencing extremely high call volumes. If your call is not answered in person, please leave a message and you will receive a return phone call within 24 hours.

Washington 211 COVID-19 Call Center

Call for general information related to COVID-19. If you need information or have a general question, call 1-800-525-0127 or text 211-211 for help. You can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive information and updates on your phone wherever you are. You will receive links to the latest information on COVID-19, including county-level updates, and resources for families, businesses, students, and more.

For the latest Washington State COVID-19 data please click on the link below:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

For the latest PACIFIC COUNTY COVID-19 DATA please click on the link below. The page is very informative and illustrates how we are trying to disseminate information and resources:

<https://www.pacificcountycovid19.com/>

Next Weekly Community Forum: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11:30 (re-occurring) via Zoom or Facebook Live

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84282447783>

1-253-215-8782 meeting id: 84282447783#

Statewide Snapshot

WA State Total Positive Cases as of 12/29/2020: 240,846 WA Total Hospitalizations: 14,445

WA Total Deaths: 3,369 Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 48 cases, Grays Harbor 2,056 cases, Lewis County 2,057 cases, Clatsop County 567 cases. Additionally, Clatsop County has moved back to Oregon's high-risk category. Clatsop County had previously been in the extreme risk category.

Pacific County Health & Human Services Partnering with Local Hospitals to Administer COVID-19 vaccine

Initial doses are allocated for those at highest risk, such as workers in health care settings and people who live or work in long-term care

Pacific County Health & Human Services is partnering with Ocean Beach Hospital in Ilwaco and Willapa Harbor Hospital in South Bend to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to local health care workers and staff and residents of long-term care facilities in accordance with Washington State Department of Health vaccination allocation guidelines. Drive-through vaccination clinics will start this week and continue through January. Pacific County Health & Human Services will announce when we move into future phases of vaccine allocation.

If you are a front-line healthcare worker or work at a long-term care facility and would like to get the COVID-19 vaccine, please make an appointment by calling the Pacific County Emergency Operations Center at (360) 875-9407 or (360) 642-9407. The Emergency Operations Center is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, closed on January 1 for the New Year Day holiday.

It is the goal of Pacific County to enable everyone in the county to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Unfortunately, there is not enough vaccine to offer it to everyone yet. More vaccine is on its way, but it'll be a while before it's broadly available. In the meantime, Pacific County is following the allocation guidelines from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

"We know there are many critical workers – in many sectors that are at high risk. Other people are at risk for severe illness or death because of their health conditions, living conditions, and other factors," said Katie Lindstrom, Pacific County Health & Human Services Director. "It is our goal over time to ensure all residents of Pacific County receive access to COVID-19 vaccine. But we appreciate your patience as we follow the guidance from Washington State Department of Health and focus on front line health care workers and workers at long-term care facilities first."

To decide which groups get the vaccine first, Washington State Department of Health considered a number of different inputs, such as scientific evidence, local data, federal guidance, conversations with Washington expert advisory groups, and community feedback. Based upon this input, DOH determined that in the first phase ("Phase 1A") their key objectives are to (1) protect our state's medical surge capacity and (2) prevent infections among the population with the highest number of hospitalizations and deaths.

Pacific County Health & Human Services will announce when we move into future phases. You can review the current phase1a eligibility at www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/VaccineAllocationPhase1A.pdf.

Department of Corrections Receives Limited COVID-19 Vaccine for Prioritized Patients and Staff in Phase 1A

As of December 28, 2020, the Washington State Department of Corrections has received limited COVID-19 vaccine doses and started vaccinating staff and a limited number of incarcerated individuals, according to the approved Phase 1A dosing prioritization. This process will occur over a period of several weeks based on the vaccine supply availability.

The Phase 1A vaccine recommendation is that workers in healthcare settings, who are most at risk for becoming infected, such as those working in units that care for people with COVID-19 as well as

residents of long-term care facilities, be offered the first available doses of the vaccine. Read the full press release [here](#).

Update on federal stimulus and state pandemic relief payments.

On Dec. 27, Gov. Jay Inslee announced a one-time payment of \$550 to many recipients of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). Later, on the same day, President Trump signed the bill that changes and extends federal CARES Act unemployment benefits. The Employment Security Department is working to deliver [Washington's Pandemic Relief Payment \(PRP\) program](#) this week and the newly extended federal benefits, which begin the week of Jan. 3.

Read the full alert [here](#).

Commerce invests record \$97 million in affordable housing projects serving thousands of people statewide.

The Washington State Department of Commerce announced Tuesday \$97 million in grants and loans for affordable housing projects in communities across the state. These funds will help provide an estimated 1,404 multifamily rental units/beds, 121 homes for first-time homebuyers, 86 units of modular housing, and 74 units in cottage-style communities. \$85.3 million of funding comes from the state's Housing Trust Fund, with \$11.7 million provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME and National Housing Trust Fund programs, also managed by Commerce in Washington state.

Read the full news release [here](#).

COVID-19 Long-term Care Report. As of December 22, a total of 12,501 COVID-19 cases (6% of total cases) and 1,627 deaths (52% of total deaths) have been identified as associated with a long-term care (LTC) facility (i.e., nursing home, assisted living facility or adult family home).

- These cases include residents as well as employees and visitors. Not all of these cases were exposed at a LTC facility.
- Many cases visited multiple places during their exposure period, and some individuals may have visited a LTC facility after disease onset.

Read the full report [here](#).

COVID-19 transmission flattening, but not enough to reverse skyrocketing trends from early November. Wednesday the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest statewide situation report on COVID-19. The report shows substantial decreases in transmission that are still not enough to return to the lower levels of disease activity seen earlier in the fall. Based on the timing of this trend, the plateaus may be due in part to the current restrictions on gatherings and certain businesses.

Read the full report [here](#).

Health Insurers to Waive Copays and Deductibles for COVID-19 Vaccines

Most health insurers in Washington state have signaled their intent to immediately waive all cost-sharing for COVID-19 vaccinations. Policyholders will be covered regardless of where they receive the vaccination.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act directs health insurers to waive copays and deductibles for COVID-19 vaccinations 15 days after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention authorizes their use. Given that timeline, insurers would be required waive these fees after Jan. 1, 2021. But many health insurers in Washington state are covering the vaccinations as soon as their policyholders can receive them and regardless of whether the provider offering the vaccine is in the plan's network. https://www.insurance.wa.gov/news/health-insurers-waive-copays-and-deductibles-covid-19-vaccines?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Pacific County Weekly COVID 19 Data

Pacific County Case Data Summary	12/16/2020	12/23/2020	12/30/2020
Cases (Total)	530	560	576
-Active Cases (currently monitored by Public Health)	53	33	29
-Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)	477	525	547
-Confirmed Cases (PCR positive)	349	379	396
-Probable cases (Rapid positive)	181	181	180
Hospitalizations (to date)	17	17	17
Deaths	3	4	5
-Percent Deaths (deaths/cases)	.5%	.7%	.9%
Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)- includes PCR positives and Rapid positives	332.7	263.4	157.1
Test Positivity			16.5%

Data transition to include "Probable" as "COVID-19 Case" and to calculate average case rate per 100,000/14 days. No longer require PCR confirmation effective 11/25/20.

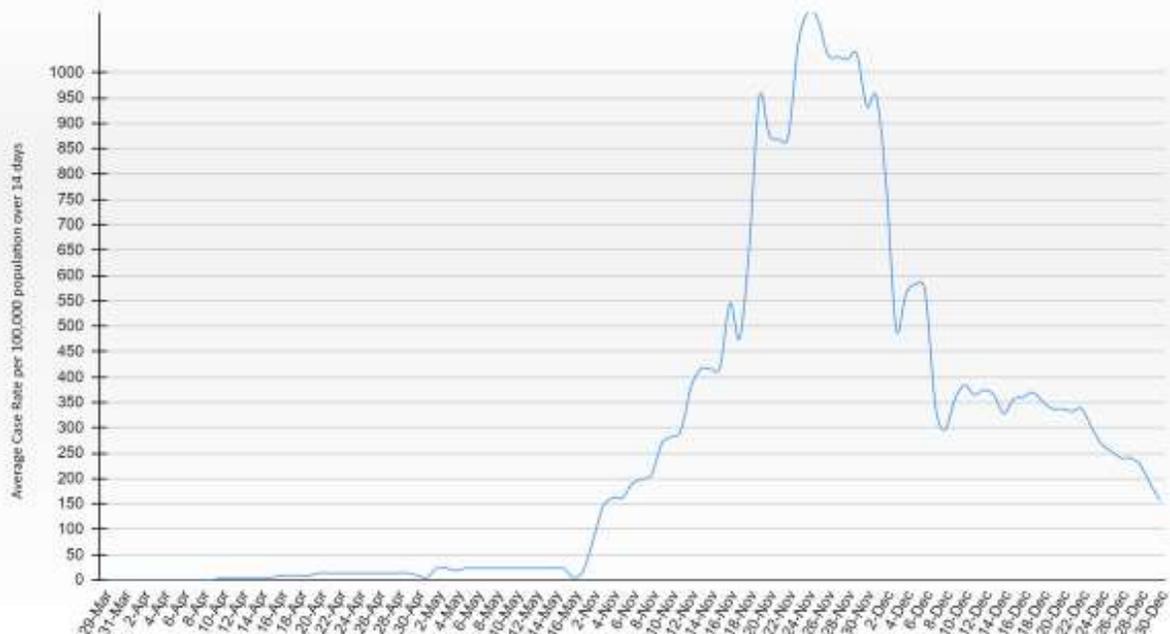
Bay Center	98527	6
Chinook	98614	5 or less
Ilwaco	98624	24
Long Beach	98631	49
Lebam	98554	5 or less
Naselle	98638	19
Nahcotta	98637	5 or less
Menlo	98561	5 or less
Ocean Park	98640	38
Oysterville	98641	5 or less
Seaview	98644	20
Raymond	98577	260
South Bend	98586	137
Tokeland	98590	5 or less
Incomplete/unassigned		16

Pacific County Cases by Zip Code

- Confirmed case count is specific to each zip code.
- Represents permanent residence of Pacific County COVID-19 cases.
- Not a representation of where COVID-19 exposure or transmission occurred.

Updated 12/30/2020

Pacific County Average Case Rate (100k/population/14 days)



Updated 12/30/2020

Pacific County Case Data by Age Range

Age range	# of cases by age (cumulative)
0-9	47
10-19	83
20-29	60
30-39	103
40-49	87
50-59	76
60-69	55
70+	60
data missing	5

Updated 12/30/2020

END OF STATUS REPORT