

**Local Snapshot**Pacific County Positive Cases: **777**New Cases since February 24, 2021: **36**Pacific County Active Cases: **41**Pacific County Hospitalizations to Date: **26**Pacific County Deaths 10

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**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 you would like to know what number you are on the waitlist, please send an email to [info1@pacificcountyhealth.com](mailto:info1@pacificcountyhealth.com) If your call is not answered please understand we are answering phones as quickly as we can. We have restructured our phone system in an attempt to ensure you are able to speak with someone who can help you.**

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**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.

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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, **March 10, 2021** at 11:30 (re-occurring) via Zoom or Facebook Live<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84282447783>1-253-215-8782 meeting id: 84282447783#

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**Statewide Snapshot**WA State Total Positive Cases as of 03/02/2021: **341,441** WA Total Hospitalizations: **19,433**WA Total Deaths: **4,988** Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County **95** cases, Grays Harbor **3,732** cases, Lewis County **3,732** cases, Clatsop County **783** cases.

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## Pacific County Weekly COVID 19 Data: March 3, 2021

Pacific County Case Data Summary	2/17/2021	2/24/2021	3/3/2021
<b>Cases (Total)</b>	731	741	777
-Active Cases (currently monitored by Public Health)	9	11	41
-Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)	722	730	736
-Confirmed Cases (PCR positive)	540	548	570
-Probable cases (Rapid positive)	191	193	207
<b>Hospitalizations (to date)</b>	25	25	26
<b>Deaths</b>	9	10	10
-Percent Deaths (deaths/cases)	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%
<b>Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)- includes PCR positives and Rapid positives</b>	78.6	60.1	198.7

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.

### Pacific County Health and Human Services Vaccine Updates

- To date, providers in Pacific County have provided 1<sup>st</sup> doses to 24% of the county's population and 6.77% have received 2<sup>nd</sup> doses. This has included people who are in the A1 and B1 tier 1 priority groups which includes healthcare workers, EMS, those over 65, and those over 50 living in multigenerational households. We are continuing to offer appointments to all who are eligible as part of this group. If you are eligible as part of A1 or B1 tier 1 and have not received a call from us, please sign up for the A1/B1 Tier 1 waitlist again or email us at [info1@pacificcountyhealth.com](mailto:info1@pacificcountyhealth.com).
- Yesterday (3/2), Governor Inslee announced that school staff and licensed childcare workers are now eligible for the COVID vaccine. School employees should have received a link to sign up for the school employee waitlist from their employer. We are scheduling people from that list for appointments this week. If you are a school worker and you have not received a link to sign up for an appointment, please reach out to your employer or call us at 360-875-9407.
- In the spirit of pre-planning, we are releasing a new waitlist for all other folks not already signed up as part of A1, B1 tier 1 or through the schools. This list is for everyone else who has not yet received or been scheduled for the vaccine. Once new phases open up and we have vaccine, people who are part of eligible phases will be called by a Pacific County provider to schedule appointments. If you signed up for a previous list but were not eligible, you will need

to sign up again here. There is no need to sign up for this new waitlist if you've already received your vaccine. Please only complete one form per person- duplicate entries will be deleted. **You can sign up for the new waitlist here:** <https://forms.gle/rPF33vYt9Vx6o3hSA>

As of right now, we expect the following groups of people to be part of the next phases that should be opened soon by the state.

- B1- Tier 2 which includes essential workers over the age of 50 (essential workers are defined here: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/WA%20Essential%20Critical%20Infrastructure%20Workers%20%28Final%29.pdf> )
- B1-Tier 3 which includes adults with underlying health conditions (underlying conditions are defined here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>)
- B1- Tier 4 which includes essential workers under the age of 50.


Again, these tiers are not yet open, so signing up just gets you on the list to receive a call once they do open and we have vaccine. It's also important to note that we do not have control over who is eligible at the local level. The State makes these decisions. We will continue to share with you as those decisions are made so we can help you get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible.

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## Pacific County Vaccine Data

<b>Pacific County Case Data Summary</b>	<b>2/6/2021</b>	<b>2/10/2021</b>	<b>2/27/2021</b>
<b>Doses given (cumulative total)</b>	3,183	3,728	8,021
<i>% of people who have received their first dose</i>	9.52%	11.52%	23.86%
<i>% of people who have received two doses</i>	2.11%	2.33%	6.77%

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## Questions About Vaccine Billing

Questions have come up regarding providers charging for vaccine. The vaccine is free; however, some providers are charging an administration fee to your insurance companies in order to cover their costs. These charges are to insurers only. No one will be asked to pay out of pocket.

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## Washington State Department of Health Provides Next-Generation Genome Sequencing

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has increased its capacity to identify new strains of COVID-19 using next-generation genome sequencing equipment. The goal is to test several thousand specimens a month at the Public Health Lab in Shoreline, WA.

Sequencing has been used since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak to analyze the RNA structure of the virus and determine how it is mutating. Like all viruses, COVID-19 constantly mutates as it spreads. By combining sequencing data with data from case and contact investigations, we can better detect outbreaks, identify and track new and emerging variants, and determine the effectiveness of public health control measures.

Both the B.1.1.7. and B.1.351 variants identified in Washington state were detected during routine genome sequencing.

DOH also contracts with virology labs at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to conduct genome sequencing of COVID-19 specimens. Other regional labs in Washington also conduct these tests. Sequencing data results are shared with the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC).

The new equipment will process samples of specimens from people who have tested positive for COVID-19. These specimens are sent to virology labs when a person is tested. The process does not require a second test or contact with the person who tested positive. Personal identifiers are removed to protect privacy.

The equipment DOH has purchased includes next-generation genome sequencing tools. “This is a whole different technology,” said DOH Deputy Director of Microbiology Philip Dykema, PhD. “This equipment uses nano technology to sequence molecules at a much higher rate of speed, while sequencing the whole strand from end-to-end.” Dykema said. This capability will be invaluable even after the pandemic ends.

Sequencing will continue to be an important part of DOH’s COVID-19 surveillance, says Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH., Acting State Health Officer and State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases: “This is a vital tool in quickly identifying virus mutations so that important public health decisions can be made to protect the health and safety of all those in Washington state.” Currently, Washington state labs conduct sequencing on approximately two percent of SARS-CoV-2 specimens. According to [Science Magazine](#), that places Washington third among all states based on the number of specimens sequenced per capita. “Our goal is to increase that rate to five percent,” said Lindquist.

The Department of Health publishes a weekly [SARS-CoV-2 sequencing and variant report](#) on the agency’s web site that summarizes genome sequencing from multiple laboratories to provide a statewide view of sequencing capacity and data.

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## DOH Statement on Federal School and Childcare Vaccination Plan

Today, President Biden announced a directive to get every pre-K, K-12 teacher, and childcare worker at least one shot of COVID-19 vaccine in the month of March. This announcement represents a faster

timeline than originally planned, and DOH is engaging partners on a robust plan to support this directive. Read the full news release [here](#).

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### **More Than 70,000 COVID-19 Vaccines Given at State-Led Mass Vaccination Sites**

Thanks to the hard work of DOH staff, the Washington National Guard, and local and private sector partners, 70,774 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the four state-led mass vaccination sites as of Feb. 27. Read the full news release [here](#).

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### **COVID-19 Vaccination Demographics Data Added to Dashboard**

DOH added data on vaccination by race, ethnicity, and age to the COVID-19 dashboard. Read the full news release [here](#).

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### **COVID-19 Prevention Efforts Remain Critical Despite Declining Trends**

DOH's Feb. 24 statewide situation report on COVID-19 reported declining trends, but also some concerning signs that make it critical to maintain and strengthen prevention measures, according to health officials. Read the full news release [here](#).

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**Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak Report.** This weekly document provides an overview of reported COVID-19 outbreaks in our state, based on information in DOH's [Washington Disease Reporting System \(WDRS\)](#). Read the full Feb. 26 report [here](#).

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### **COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report:**

As of Feb. 22, a total of 18,589 COVID-19 cases and 2,440 deaths have been identified as associated or likely associated with a long-term care facility (i.e., nursing home, assisted living facility, or adult family home). These cases include residents as well as employees and visitors. Read the full Feb. 26 report [here](#).

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### **COVID-19 Outbreaks in Washington State K-12 Schools:**

This monthly report describes COVID-19 outbreaks in K-12 schools that were reported to DOH. A total of 115 outbreaks occurred in K-12 school between Aug. 1, 2020, and Jan. 31, 2021; 425 COVID-19 cases were associated with outbreaks in K-12 schools. Read the full Feb. 26 report [here](#).

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### **Inslee Statement on Biden Educator and Licensed Childcare Workers Vaccination Directive**

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statement today following President Biden's directive that all states must prioritize vaccinations of teachers and childcare workers. Read the full news release [here](#).

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### **Inslee Announces Proclamations on COVID-19 and Winter Weather, Updates Air Travel Proclamation**

Gov. Jay Inslee updated proclamation 20-83 regarding quarantine requirements for air travel and released a new proclamation related to Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) remote public hearings and the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the full news release [here](#).

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Bay Center	98527	7
Chinook	98614	12
Ilwaco	98624	31
Long Beach	98631	65
Lebam	98554	Less than 5
Naselle	98638	38
Nahcotta	98637	Less than 5
Menlo	98561	Less than 5
Ocean Park	98640	48
Oysterville	98641	Less than 5
Seaview	98644	21
Raymond	98577	365
South Bend	98586	177
Tokeland	98590	Less than 5
Incomplete/unassigned		6

## 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.

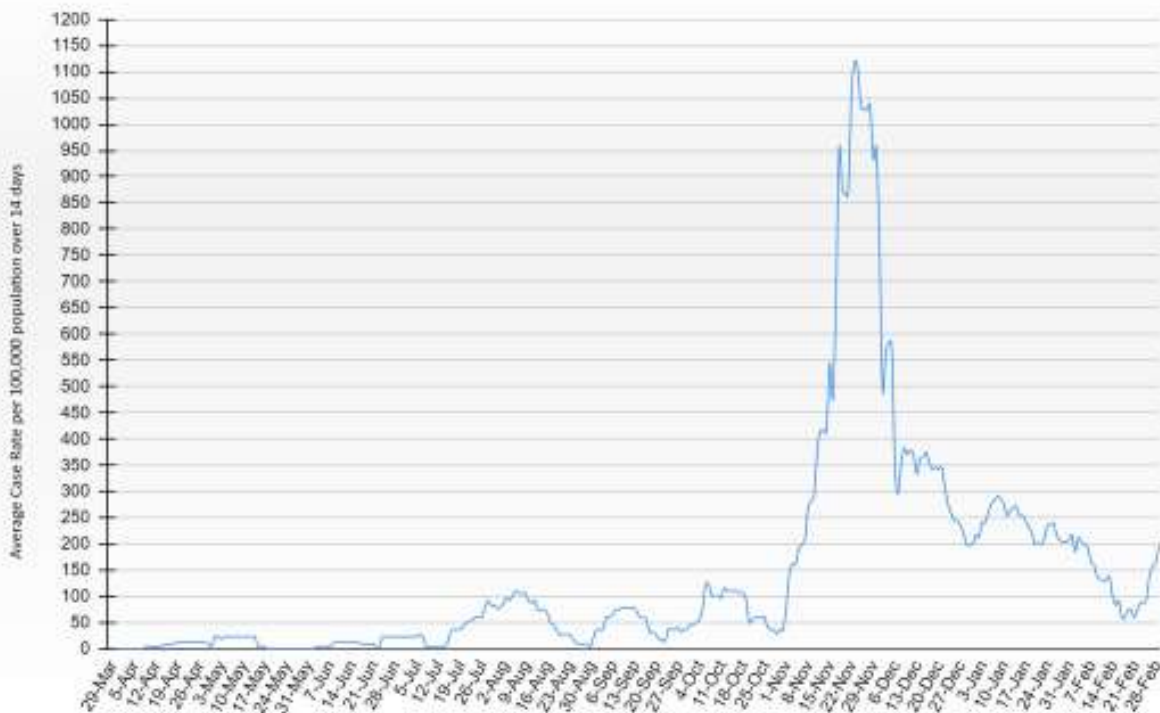
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## Pacific County Case Data by Age Range

Age group	Count	Proportion of total cases
0-9	62	8%
10-19	104	13%
20-29	87	11%
30-39	127	16%
40-49	118	15%
50-59	105	14%
60-69	88	11%
70+	85	11%

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



*\*Includes both rapid and PCR positive cases effective 11/18*

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