

## Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 17

Pacific County Total Tests: 959

All counties in WA State have reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, except Garfield County.

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/>

## Correction to Pacific County Positive COVID-19 Case Count

South Bend, WA –On June 19, the Pacific County Public Health and Human Services notified the public of an additional positive case of COVID-19 in Pacific County. Based on the change to testing and confirmation criteria, this case will no longer be considered a positive case. This was the only affected case. Pacific County's updated positive COVID-19 case count is at 17 with five active cases.

The Pacific County Public Health and Human Services Department strongly encourages the public to maintain social distancing by limiting non-essential travel, and practice personal protective measures to include, washing hands often with soapy water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your face, and wearing a face covering in public. For up to date information and guidance about how to keep yourself and your family healthy, please visit: [www.pacificcountycovid19.com](http://www.pacificcountycovid19.com).

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## Statewide Snapshot

WA State Total Positive/Confirmed Cases as of 6/30: 32,824. WA Total Deaths: 1,332

Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 5 cases, Grays Harbor 27 cases, Lewis County 65 cases, Clatsop County 49 cases

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## Important Independence Day Reminders

- There is no festival or organized fireworks show
  - We encourage you to stay home
  - If you do come to the beach, spread out
  - No gatherings larger than 50
  - High tide around midnight, it's important to get off the beach early
  - Masks and social distancing are required
  - Pick up garbage- if you pack it in, pack it out
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# Face Coverings



## Where does the statewide requirement apply?

- *In indoor public settings,*
- *Outdoor public settings when six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained with individuals who do not share a household (ex. public parks, trails, streets, and recreation areas)*

## There are exemptions:

- People with certain disabilities or health conditions
- People who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Children under the age of 5 (ages 3-5 encouraged to wear a covering if possible)

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## Why Patient Location Information is Not Being Released

There has been a great deal written lately on social media centered on announcing where patients with positive Covid-19 test are located. First, the Healthcare Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements remain a significant consideration. Protecting personal patient information is imperative. Additionally, for many years, all healthcare providers have been taught to use “Universal Precautions” to ensure they remain as healthy as possible. The assumption is that every patient is potentially infectious and it is up to the healthcare providers to protect themselves from being infected.

Every geographic area of Pacific County has been impacted by a positive Covid-19 test. It is imperative that Pacific County residents assume that everyone they meet is potentially infectious. It is equally imperative that residents realize that it is their personal responsibility to ensure they do not become infected. This is accomplished through limiting personal exposure and maintaining social distancing. Limiting non-essential travel. Using personal protective measures including, but not limited to, washing hands often with soapy water for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your face, and wearing a face covering. Identifying where Covid-19 patients are located does nothing to protect anyone; in fact, it can create a false sense of security and do more harm than good.

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## **Inslee and Wiesman announce pause on county progressions to Phase 4**

Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced over the weekend that the Washington State Department of Health is putting a pause on counties moving to Phase 4 through the “Safe Start” phased approach. Rising cases across the state and concerns about continued spread of the COVID virus have made Phase 4, which would essentially mean no restrictions, impossible at this time. Eight counties were eligible to move from Phase 3 to Phase 4 before the pause.

"Phase 4 would mean a return to normal activity and we can't do that now due to the continued rise in cases across the state," Inslee said. "We all want to get back to doing all the things we love in Washington during the summer, and fully open our economy, but we aren't there yet. This is an evolving situation and we will continue to make decisions based on the data."

"The best thing Washingtonians can do to slow the spread of the virus and save lives is to wear facial coverings, continue to maintain physical distancing and good hygiene practices," Wiesman said. "Now that testing supplies are available, it is critical to get a test if you have any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19."

Wiesman sent a letter to local and tribal health leaders throughout the state on Saturday. The letter states:

"Dear Local and Tribal Health Leaders,

"I am writing to let you know Governor Inslee and I have decided to pause progression to Phase 4 statewide.

"We decided to prohibit any counties from moving into phase 4 at this time due to increasing COVID-19 activity across the state and significant rebounds in COVID-19 activity in several other states. The changes between Phase 3 and Phase 4, especially with regards to gathering size and occupancy rates, could further increase the spread of COVID-19 in our state, even in communities that have very low rates of disease. The progress we've made thus far is at risk, therefore we are making the prudent choice to slow down our phased approach to reopening.

"In the next couple of weeks, I will work with Governor Inslee and his team to assess the need for a modified approach for moving beyond Phase 3. I will communicate that decision to you when we have more information. Counties that are currently able to apply to move from Phase 1 or 2 are still able to apply when eligible.

"Thank you for your continued work to protect the health of Washingtonians during this unprecedented time."

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## **Inslee announces funding for rent assistance, tribal recovery efforts, small businesses and nonprofits**

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced the state has distributed nearly \$365 million in federal funds to help with COVID-19 response and relief efforts across Washington.

Distributed this week to seven state agencies and the University of Washington, the allocations include nearly \$351 million in federal CARES Act funding and \$13.5 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. To date, the state has distributed [more than \\$950 million](#) in federal COVID-19 relief and response funds. "This next installment of funds for communities all over the state will be put to work right away to help stabilize and restart our state's economy," Inslee said. "These funds are going to those who need it the most—

renters, small businesses, tribes and non-profit organizations working with young people. We will continue to everything we can to ensure that Washingtonians have what they need to be secure, stable and healthy.”

This week’s distributions include \$163 million to the state Department of Commerce to provide aid to many of those hardest hit by the economic fallout from the worst pandemic in more than a century. It includes:

- \$100 million to provide rent assistance to low-income renters at risk of homelessness, using an existing framework to send rent payments directly to landlords.
- \$20 million to provide grants to help small businesses, support for local economic development organizations providing assistance to businesses, and support for data-driven recovery plans by region and industry.
- \$20 million to provide operating grants to support nonprofits working to address disparities and inequities exacerbated by increased need and decreased funding due to COVID-19, including a variety of community and youth development programs.
- \$20 million to assist Tribes with their pandemic recovery related efforts.

“Equity is a priority for distributing the funds,” said Commerce Director Lisa Brown. “Commerce is working with our partners in local government and economic and community development organizations in every region of the state, paying attention to historically marginalized or underserved communities and groups hardest hit by the virus.”

The state also sent \$45 million to the Department of Health to support the agency’s COVID-19 emergency response efforts and to support its testing and contact tracing activities in Yakima. Another \$61 million went to the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, mostly to assist child care providers and families receiving services from the Working Connections Child Care program. In addition, the Department of Agriculture received \$15.2 million to cover increased demands for the state’s Emergency Food Assistance Program.

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