

Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 77

Pacific County Total Tests: 3724

Probable Cases (Not Confirmed) 2

Pacific County Active Cases 4

Pacific County Hospitalizations 8

Pacific County Deaths 3

All counties in WA State have reported confirmed cases of COVID-19.

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 emergency, please contact 9-1-1 immediately.

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, August 5th 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/Confirmed Cases as of 8/18/2020: 80465. WA Total Deaths: 2015

Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 6 cases, Grays Harbor 367 cases, Lewis County 442 cases, Clatsop County 105 cases.

COVID-19 Activity Declining in Washington State with the Help of Face Coverings and Distancing.

On Friday the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest [statewide situation report](#), which reflects an overall decline in COVID-19 activity as of late August. The report also highlights encouraging signs that keeping our distance, limiting gathering size and wearing face coverings are working to slow the spread of the disease.

“While we see some encouraging trends in case counts, the risk remains extremely high throughout the state,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “The situation in Whitman County illustrates just how quickly an outbreak can wipe out our progress toward keeping case counts low. It is still critical that we limit the size and frequency of our in-person gatherings, wear face coverings and stay home when we are sick.”

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

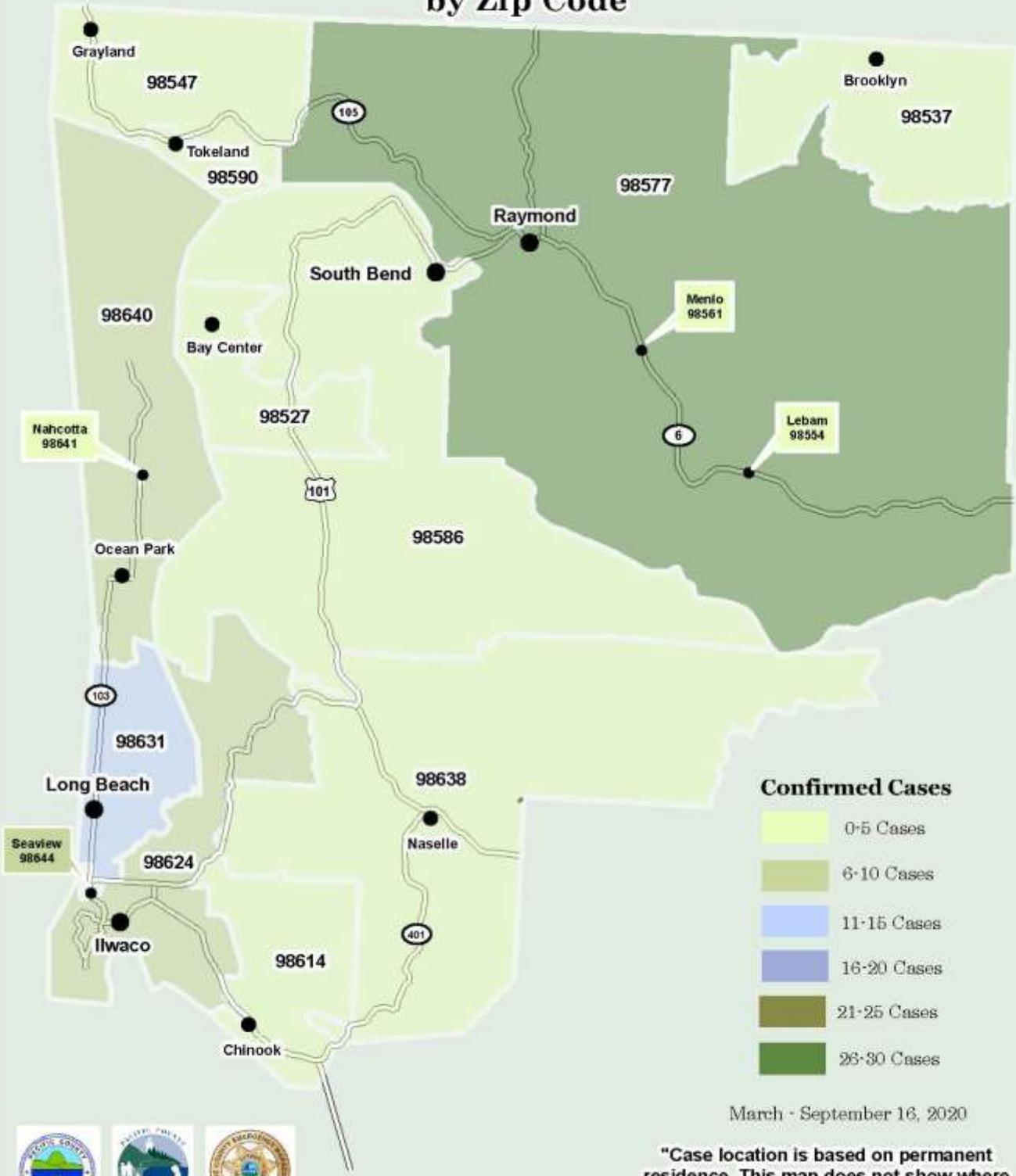
County Data and Case Update	8/26/2020	9/2/2020	9/9/2020	9/16/2020
Confirmed Cases (Total)	60	60	74	77
<i>Confirmed Cases that resided in Pacific County</i>	56	56	70	74
<i>Active Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	2	5	16	4
<i>Probable Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	0	5	2	2
<i>Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)</i>	58	60	60	64
Hospitalizations	8	8	8	8
Deaths	3	3	3	3
Percent Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	3.9%
*Total Tests: Pacific County Residents (Pacific County Healthcare/Public Health)	(2922)	2047 (3162)	2137 (3447)	2344 (3724)
Percent Positive (confirmed cases/total tests)	2.1%	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%
Percent Positive (7 Day Average):	0.9%	-	15.6%	1.4%
Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)	27.2	4.5	63.5	59

Updates highlighted *Change to test data (residents vs healthcare/public health capacity)

State Generated Dashboard (<https://www.pacificcountycovid19.com/>). Time lag/Correction.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Total Number of Residents Confirmed with Covid-19 by Zip Code



March - September 16, 2020

"Case location is based on permanent residence. This map does not show where exposure or transmission of COVID-19 occurred"



Staying Safe During Historic Wildfire Event and Ongoing Pandemic.

As wildfires rage across the entire west coast, a giant wave of smoke has blown across Western Washington. The [air quality](#) across Washington has the potential to reach extremely unhealthy levels. It's not just the smoke, either: with COVID-19 as an ongoing factor, people need to know how to stay safe from smoke and fire while preventing the spread of disease.

If you're considering leaving the area to escape smoke or fire, consider the COVID-19 restrictions in the county you are traveling to, and the people you are visiting. This is especially important if they are at high risk for severe COVID-19. For those taking in people trying to escape fire or smoky conditions: please keep your circles small, wear masks indoors, and continue washing your hands often.

For more information on protecting yourself and your loved ones during wildfire smoke events during COVID-19, visit the DOH [Smoke From Fires](#) home page or [read the recent news release](#).

Wildfire Disaster Cash Assistance. The Department of Social and Health Services has updated its Disaster Cash Assistance Program to serve people who are affected by the wildfires burning throughout Washington state. DCAP for wildfires will assist households that have financial losses that will not be covered within 30 days.

If your household was impacted by wildfires in Douglas, Okanogan, Whitman, Lincoln, Spokane, Chelan, Pierce or Thurston counties, you **may** be eligible for DCAP. Learn more [here](#).

Kreidler Extends Emergency Order on Telehealth to Oct. 14.

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [extended his emergency order again](#), directing all state-regulated health insurers to make additional coverage changes to aid consumers during the coronavirus pandemic. His order is in effect until Oct. 14 and requires health insurers to:

- Continue coverage for providing telehealth via methods including telephone and video chat tools such as Facetime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangout video, Skype and Go-to-Meeting.
- Cover all medically necessary diagnostic testing for flu and certain other viral respiratory illnesses billed during a provider visit for COVID-19 with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.
- Treat drive-up testing sites for COVID-19 as provider visit with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.

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

Why the Flu Vaccine is More Important During COVID-19

The prospect of our annual flu outbreak compounding COVID-19 during this fall and winter's "respiratory virus" season is worrisome. Hospitals, clinics, and doctors' offices are likely to be busy caring for COVID-19 patients and other health needs. Getting a flu vaccine will help keep you and your loved ones out of those medical settings.

With so many shared symptoms, it will be complicated to distinguish between the flu and COVID-19 and will require testing. Anyone with these symptoms will likely need to take isolation precautions for COVID-19 that include staying away from others for at least 10 days and their close contacts may need to be quarantined. [Read more](#)

Flu Vaccine Options

2020 Drive-Thru Health Festival

Ocean Beach Hospital & Medical Clinics is partnering with Pacific County Health Department to offer a drive-thru health festival two Saturdays in a row!

- Free flu shots
- Free lab draws
- Giveaways
- And more...

* Face masks required

* No more than 4 people per vehicle



Admission **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

When: September 26th, 2020 and October 3rd, 2020
(9 am—1 pm)

Where: South Pacific County Administrative Building,
7013 Sandridge Road Long Beach WA

Please call 360.642.9407 to get registered for the event.

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST.

If you have questions about the event, please call Brenda Sagle @ 360.642.6308.

Call the Pacific County Call Center for an appointment:

360-642/875-6308

M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm

Recommendations:

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months who do not have contraindications.
- Vaccine should be administered by the end of October
- Vaccination too early in the season (e.g., July or August) may lead to suboptimal immunity later in the season, particularly among older adults.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/summary/summary-recommendations.htm>

<https://vaccinefinder.org/>

9/26: Full
10/3: Open – call to schedule

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