Pacific County COVID-19 Status Report #96

October 28, 2020

Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 120
Pacific County Residents Tested: 3371
Probable Cases (Not Confirmed): 2
Pacific County Active Cases: 10
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 10/05/2020: 104,027. WA Total Deaths: 2,337 Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 10 cases, Grays Harbor 709 cases, Lewis County 714 cases, Clatsop County 245 cases.

Flu Vaccine Now Available for Uninsured Adults at No Cost

The Department of Health is collaborating with Safeway Inc. and Albertsons Companies LLC to offer no-cost influenza (flu) vaccination for uninsured adults over the age of 18 to help prevent flu illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health officials are concerned that the presence of both viruses could put more people in the hospital and strain Washington's health care system.

Twenty-three Albertsons and Safeway pharmacies across the state will offer flu vaccine free of charge through June 2021 to uninsured adults. The pharmacies will not charge an administration fee, and no proof of residency or immigration status will be required. Find the list of participating locations on the department's website.

Tips for a safe and fun Halloween from the Department of Health.

DOH wants Washington residents to have a fun Halloween while remembering a few key actions you can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Protect yourself, your loved ones, and others while celebrating:

- Wear a cloth face covering anytime you are with people not from your household, whether indoors or outside.
- Avoid confined spaces. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities, but if you're
 indoors, make sure to have proper ventilation, and open doors and windows to the extent
 possible.
- Avoid close contact with people outside of your household. Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not part of your household.
- Wash or sanitize your hands (and the hands of little ones) often.
- Stay home if you are sick or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19. And if
 you have symptoms or you've been a close contact of someone with COVID-19, get a COVID19 test.

Looking for creative ways to celebrate safely? DOH's <u>latest blog post on Halloween</u> might do the trick, or these ideas for safer (but still spooky) good time.

Inslee issues "Stay Safe - Vote Safe" proclamation.

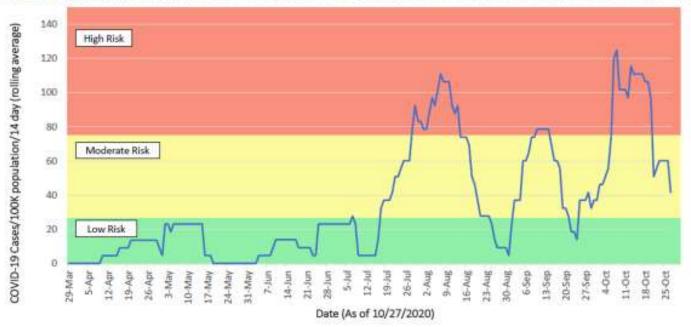
Gov. Jay Inslee issued a <u>proclamation</u> and guidance <u>memo</u> today clarifying application of COVID-19 requirements for voters and for voting service operations, including county elections offices, county voting centers and student engagement HUBs throughout the state. Read the full news release <u>here</u>.

\$2 million in COVID relief grants now open for nonprofits. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an unprecedented toll on nonprofit organizations, with many experiencing increased demand for services and programs while at the same time dealing with disruption of services and programs, cancellation of contracts, funding losses due to canceled fundraisers, reduced donations and other issues affecting staff and volunteer capacity. The impacts are particularly hard on nonprofits led by and serving Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) communities. Read the full news release here.

File Visits 2 House Server

Pacific County Metrics: School Risk Assessment

Reference: Decision Tree for Provision of In Person Learning among K-12 Students at Public and Private Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/DecisionTree-K12schools.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Razor Clam Digs Cancelled Due to Marine Toxins

OLYMPIA--Washington's ocean beaches will remain closed to razor clam harvest through at least Nov. 12 after test results on razor clams dug at Long Beach indicate levels of domoic acid that exceed the threshold (20 parts per million) set by state public health officials for safe consumption.

WDFW managers have cancelled digs previously anticipated for Oct. 31- Nov. 3 and await additional test results prior to announcing whether digs tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13-19 and beyond can move forward.

WDFW has already seen significantly higher than normal participation on recent digs. To avoid concentrating clam diggers and disproportionately increasing the risk of COVID-19, razor clam beaches are closed statewide--though only Long Beach clams exceeded safe concentrations of domoic acid levels so far.

"We know how important these opportunities are to Washington citizens and coastal communities, and we're looking to reopen as soon as it's safe to do so," said Larry Phillips, WDFW's coastal region director. "Yet, we also know that these toxins have a tendency to hang on – it's not inconceivable that we'll have to wait until December before we're clamming again. When that time comes, we're still going to need people to practice good social distancing behaviors as they visit coastal communities."

"Fortunately, we planned well, consulted communities and opened earlier in September," said Philips. "What that means is razor clam diggers have already made more than 80,000 trips and harvested nearly 1.2 million clams this year."

Domoic acid, a natural toxin produced by certain types of marine algae, can be harmful or even fatal if consumed in sufficient quantities. More information about domoic acid, as well as current levels at ocean beaches, can be found on WDFW's domoic acid web page.

Final approval of tentatively scheduled openings depends on results of marine toxin tests conducted by Washington's Department of Health (DOH).

Public health officials will also be closely monitoring COVID-19 infection rates throughout the digging season, and WDFW may make in-season adjustments to the schedule if necessary to reduce public health risks.

County Data and Case Update	10/7/2020	10/14/2020	10/21/2020	10/28/2020
Confirmed Cases (Total)	91	107	115	120
Confirmed Cases that resided in Pacific County	88	104	112	<mark>117</mark>
Active Cases (monitored by Public Health)	11	21	10	10
Probable Cases (monitored by Public Health)	6	4	3	2
Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)	86	90	108	<mark>112</mark>
Hospitalizations	8	8	8	8
Deaths	3	3	3	3
Percent Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	3.3%	2.8%	2.6%	<mark>2.5%</mark>
Total Tests: Pacific County Residents (Pacific County Healthcare/Public Health)	2770 (4488)	3054 (4880)	3250 (5170)	3371 (5565)
Percent Positive (confirmed cases/total tests)	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%
Percent Positive (7 Day Average):	3.0%	5.6%	4.1%	4.1%
Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)	50.1	87.8	87.8	41.6

Updates highlighted

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

