

**Local Snapshot**Pacific County Positive Cases: **26**Pacific County Total Tests: **1505**

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

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, July 29th 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 7/14/2020: **47,743**. WA Total Deaths: **1,404**

Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County **6** cases, Grays Harbor **66** cases, Lewis County **132** cases, Clatsop County **68** cases.

## Data and Case Update\*

Changes highlighted

Confirmed Cases (Total)	<b>26</b>
Confirmed Cases that resided in Pacific County	<b>22</b>
Active Cases (monitored by Public Health)	<b>8</b>
Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)	<b>18</b>
Hospitalizations	<b>3</b>
Deaths	<b>1</b>
Percent Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	<b>3.8%</b>
Total Tests	<b>1273 - 1505</b>
Percent Positive (confirmed cases/total tests)	<b>2.0% - 1.7%</b>



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

## **Inslee Announces Changes to Phase 3 to Stop Covid-19 Spread**

Effective July 20, the number of individuals allowed in social gatherings during Phase 3 has been reduced from 50 people to 10 people. Counties in Phase 2 may continue to have social gatherings of up to five people.

These restrictions apply only to social gatherings, not business operations operating legally under the Safe Start guidance. Funerals, weddings and religious activities are exempt from today's restrictions.

Some gatherings that may be limited by this change include:

- Book clubs
- Barbecues
- Picnics
- Parties (birthday parties, house parties, cocktail parties, etc.)
- Baby showers
- Social clubs
- Garage and estate sales
- Gatherings on beaches and in parks

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-steps-address-covid-19-spread>

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## **COVID-19 is on a path to runaway growth in Washington state**

OLYMPIA – Today the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest [statewide situation report](#), which highlights alarming trends in transmission and hospitalization data.

Report findings include:

- The spread of COVID-19 continues to accelerate across most of Washington state as of the start of July. The reproductive number (the estimated number of new people each COVID-19 patient will infect) is still well above one in both eastern and western Washington, with the exception of Yakima County. The goal is a reproductive number below one, which would mean the number of people getting COVID-19 is declining.
- In Yakima County, the encouraging signs highlighted in previous reports appear to be plateauing. The reproductive number in Yakima County is estimated to be close to one. However, the test positive rate (the proportion of people who test positive) remains high. To maintain this progress, the county must continue to strictly follow mask and distancing policies.
- Changing our behavior makes a difference. The report contrasts the sharp turnaround in Yakima County—where recent efforts to control the virus resulted in increased use of face masks and distancing—with the exponential and accelerating growth of cases in Spokane County.
- The level of daily new cases is higher than the state's previous peak in March.
- Recent growth in cases among 20-29 year olds is spreading into all age groups. This includes low but increasing rates among children and teens. It reflects the age breakdown among new infections in Florida just one month ago, which have since spread broadly into younger and older age groups.
- Hospitalization rates are rising throughout the state. In eastern Washington, hospitalizations continue to increase across all age groups. In western Washington, these rates are just starting to increase, led by hospitalizations among 20-39 year olds. As case counts once again grow among older and more vulnerable people, hospitalizations are likely to continue trending up.

"In these trends, we are seeing the impact of our collective decisions. We are jeopardizing the gains we made as a state with the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order and the actions each one of us takes now will determine

what happens next,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “If we want to send our kids to school in the fall and avoid new restrictions, we must all make a conscious shift in the way we live our lives. That means staying at home as much as possible, reducing how many people we see in person and continuing to wear face coverings and keep physical distance in public.”

DOH partners with the Institute for Disease Modeling, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop this weekly report. More COVID-19 data can be found on the DOH website and in the state’s risk assessment dashboard. The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

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### **Back to School Information**

It's the height of summer, but we have back to school on our minds! We are working closely with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to help schools plan to reopen safely. We are regularly updating our guidance as we learn more about how this virus spreads. Right now, it includes requirement for students and staff to wear cloth face coverings, setting up classrooms to maintain six feet of distance between desks, screening students and staff for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms every day. You can see our guidance to schools here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/FallGuidanceK-12.pdf>

Today, along with Public Health – Seattle & King County and Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM), we released a [new report](#) called “Schools are not islands: we must mitigate community transmission to open schools.” The report is the result of modeling data that describes the transmission of COVID-19, plus information we know about the effectiveness of various things we do to prevent its spread—in order to predict the course of the epidemic under various conditions in our communities and schools.

Conceptually, to understand a model, you can think about how a weather report works. Different computer models use lots of historical weather data to make predictions—if the wind continues like this, what are the chances that it will rain? Only in our case, we are asking the model, if we follow the guidance we have developed for schools, what are the chances that we can open schools without causing a spike in the epidemic?

Here are some key findings from this report:

We cannot go back to “normal” within our workplaces and communities and expect to be able to safely reopen school. Opening school safely depends on continuing to reduce the amount of moving and gathering we do within our communities.

- The researchers estimated that now, in King County, folks are doing about 65% of the moving and gathering we used to do prior to COVID-19.
- If we continue to keep our travel and gathering less than 70% of pre-pandemic levels, we may be able to reopen schools safely, as long as we are using all the precautions in the schools—face coverings, screenings, social distancing, etc.
- If our travel and gathering increase to 80% or more of our pre-COVID lifestyles, there is nothing we can do that will allow us to open schools without causing an increase in the epidemic.

We cannot safely reopen school if community transmission is increasing. Today, community transmission is increasing all over the state. We must stop this increase by the end of August in order to reopen schools. We are more likely to be able to reopen schools if we all:

- Continue to restrict our travel and the number of people we see socially.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public.
- Stay six feet or more away from other people.
- Get a COVID-19 test if you feel sick, even if you don't have a fever.
- Stay home if you feel at all under the weather.
- Wash our hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

School will look different. The model predicts that if we reopen schools without any special precautions like cloth face coverings, health screenings, and social distancing, the percent of the population that catches COVID-19 will double within three months.

Numbers. The latest numbers are updated on our webpage. As of 11:59 p.m. on July 14, there are 733,886 people in Washington who have been tested for COVID-19. Of those, 43,046 people (or 5.9%) have tested positive for COVID-19. Of those, 4,829 people had to be hospitalized, and 1,421 people (or 3.3%) have died of the disease. More COVID-19 data can be found on the [DOH website](#) and in the state's [risk assessment dashboard](#).

Practice compassion. One thing is clear: If the virus is spreading in our communities, it will spread in our schools. Help our kids get back to school by doing your part to control the spread of COVID-19.

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