

Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 60

Pacific County Total Tests: 3162

Probable Cases (Not Confirmed) 5

Pacific County Active Cases 5

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: 74,939. WA Total Deaths: 1931

Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 6 cases, Grays Harbor 243 cases, Lewis County 344 cases, Clatsop County 96 cases.

Inslee Announces Additional Federal Funding to be Distributed to Local Governments

Gov. Jay Inslee announced nearly \$190 million would be awarded from the state's federal stimulus funding to local governments that did not receive direct distributions under the CARES Act.

The new funding includes nearly \$126 million that will be distributed to cities and counties and about \$62 million to local health jurisdictions. The governor's budget office approved the distributions, in consultation with legislative leaders. [Read more](#)

Community testing gets big boost from several teams ready to help.

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is working to increase the availability and accessibility of testing across the state of Washington, and is doing so with the help of several organizations, volunteers and health practitioners.

While testing has met with challenges in parts of the state, it is leading to creative solutions like partnerships with organizations that can help increase statewide access to testing. As we move into the fall, it's a core statewide goal to increase testing availability, and to increase the number of people requesting tests. Read the full news release [here](#).

County Data and Case Update	8/12/2020	8/19/2020	8/26/2020	9/2/2020
Confirmed Cases (Total)	55	58	60	60
<i>Confirmed Cases that resided in Pacific County</i>	51	54	56	56
<i>Active Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	13	3	2	5
<i>Probable Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	0	0	0	5
<i>Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)</i>	42	55	58	60
Hospitalizations	8	8	8	8
Deaths	2 (1 pending)	2 (1 pending)	3	3
Percent Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	3.6% (5.5%)	3.6% (5.5%)	5.0%	5.0%
*Total Tests: Pacific County Residents (Pacific County Healthcare/Public Health)	(2320)	(2702)	(2922)	2047 (3162)
Percent Positive (confirmed cases/total tests)	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%	2.9%
Percent Positive (7 Day Average):	4.6%	0.8%	0.9%	1
Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)	92.7	54.5	27.2	4.5

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



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

Mid-year data from 4.1M 911 calls reveals PPE use, cardiac arrest, overdose trends

AUSTIN, Texas — [ESO](#), a data a software company serving EMS agencies, fire departments and hospitals, has released its 2020 mid-year [EMS Index: COVID-19 Special Edition](#) report outlining findings from 4.1 million 911 calls between Jan. 1 and July 31.

The data from more than 2,000 EMS agencies that are part of the nationwide ESO Data Collaborative revealed trends in call volume, cardiac arrests, overdoses, PPE use, patient outcomes and more during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID-19 continues to affect our nation and has a significant impact on our healthcare system and people,” Dr. Brent Myers, chief medical officer for ESO, said in a statement. “With the information from the ESO Data Collaborative, we are able to identify specific COVID-19 trends affecting frontline health and public safety responders and providers – especially around 911 calls and whether patients are refusing transport, how and when providers are using PPE, if we are closing the data loop with hospitals, and how we are documenting vital information.”

Key findings include:

- An 18% drop in 911 calls from early January through the end of April, with a 40% drop in motor vehicle crash calls. However, MVC calls began trending upward again beginning in May.
- Substantial increases in out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, especially in regions with increased COVID-19 cases. Cardiac arrests spiked by 36% this April compared to last year.
- Penetrating injuries such as stabbings and gunshot wounds increased at a higher rate during the warmer months this year compared to last year.
- There was no documentation of appropriate PPE usage in EMS patient care reports for up to 20% of documented COVID-19 patients.
- Opioid overdose calls jumped 30% between Jan. 1 and July 31, with the largest spikes seen in May (41%) and June (53%).
- The COVID-19 Specific Diagnosis Code that was officially implemented April 1, providing a HIPAA-compliant, automated mechanism for EMS providers to determine which of their patients have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, has allowed for population-level monitoring of COVID-19 trends.

“We are not through the pandemic as of yet, and timely analysis of data will be critical in the months to come,” Myers said in a statement. “We will continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation, helping to translate data into actionable information. Improved documentation of PPE usage, pulse oximetry, and patient temperatures are simple steps to better inform us all. Additionally, continued community education regarding the safety of medical evaluation for time-critical conditions is necessary.”

The full EMS Index: COVID-19 Special Edition can be downloaded [here](#).

Report: Covid-19 Weaken the Fragile Nature of Our Child Care System

More than 500,000 children in Washington do not have access to licensed child care. A state task force has identified a need for dramatic investment to help children and families and boost an economic recovery.

Cheryl Smith is the Director of Community Engagement with the Washington State Department of Commerce. She tells us about a new [Child Care Collaborative Task Force](#) report.

Working parents already knew how tough it was to get affordable child care in our state, but your group is saying it's now an even bigger crisis. What have you found?

We've just done possibly the most comprehensive study on the child care industry in the child care system in Washington in recent years, and it validated exactly what parents already think. What we've

learned is that so many families do not have affordable child care or access to child care. Now we have data to show that.

We also learned that 40% of parents are using more than one child care arrangement just to make it work so that they can they can go to work every day.

How has Covid-19 impacted this issue?

Covid-19 has really affected the child care situation. It really highlighted what was already a stressed and fragile system. It's been like standing on shifting sands, and trying to keep your business open, and project how to help families access child care, and run your business at the same time.

I understand about a quarter of licensed providers have already closed their doors. How does this lack of child care affect our economy?

Child care is really a pillar of our economy, and we haven't necessarily recognized it as such. We're not going to have economic recovery if people cannot have their kids taken care of, to be able to get back in the workforce or return to their jobs.

Your report is saying around half of those licensed providers in our state who are left, are telling you that they may not make it through to the end of the pandemic. Who is going to be hurt most by this?

Well, the child care industry itself will be hurt, but I think that households with mid-level, moderately low income families are really going to be hurt, because it's going to be harder for them to be able to find care, and harder for them to be able to afford the care that they find.

Your report is calling for more investments in our child care system, even as state revenues are being pummeled by the economic impact of Covid-19. Where do you realistically expect more investments to come from at this point?

That's something that the Child Care Collaborative Task Force is actually wrestling with. We're recognizing that the public sector and the private sector are going to need to work together. We all are going to need to work together to recognize that we need to strengthen child care as an important pillar of our economy, or we're not going to recover.

If you think about lack of child care affecting employers' ability to recruit and retain talent, it's hard to get talent into an area if there is inadequate child care. And, that's just one of the problems that employers face related to recruiting and retaining talent, but it's an important one. So, we have to look at our entire system.

I'm not sure where the public investment side of this is going to be coming from in the future. But we will be looking at that and making policy recommendations both this December and next June about that.

Are you seeing any signs of hope?

Well, I think that the child care providers who I've been able to witness, and talk to, and listen to have been amazingly creative and resilient. I think that that they've probably been doing this for longer than many of us recognize. They've been making this work. They care so deeply about these kids and families. They are so personally committed. They impress me so much.

I'm just honored to be able to work with them and to work with the advocacy organizations. That's the thing that gives me the most hope. I guess I would also say people are recognizing how big of a problem this is now, and maybe we just haven't had to recognize it before now, and recognition is part of the answer.

COVID-19 Health Updates: Flu Vaccine

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 Slagle @ 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/>

AmeriCorps Helps During COVID-19 pandemic, gets more funding.

Many AmeriCorps Washington members have safely engaged in a wide variety of COVID-19 related emergency relief activities such as food distribution/security, educational support/enrichment, volunteer management and senior services. Gov. Jay Inslee announced that Serve Washington, the state's service commission, received \$15.8 million in AmeriCorps funding. More information [here](#)

Inslee updates agritourism and agricultural industry guidance. Gov. Jay Inslee announced updated guidance for agritourism and the agricultural industry as part of Washington's [Safe Start](#) phased reopening plan on August 28.

Are there any new guidance documents or updates to existing documents this week? Yes!

Indoor Fitness (update): This updated document has clarified that capacity limits for Phase 2 counties will be measured using 300 square feet per person and 200 square feet per person in Phase 3 counties. For large facilities (>12,000 sq ft), capacity is still limited to 25 percent of the facility's occupancy limit. Members are encouraged to keep as much distance from each other as possible, but there is no longer a required distance greater than six feet. Squash and racquetball are also now allowed under certain circumstances. Please see the updated FAQs on Fitness [here](#).

Agritourism (update): This updated guidance allows for additional activities, including animal viewing, hay/wagon/train rides, use of children's play equipment, private fire pits/bonfires and outdoor corn mazes/haunted houses in Phase 2 and 3 counties. Read the full guidance [here](#). Read the attached memo [here](#).

Personal Services (update): The title was changed on this document to clarify that it applies to both Phase 2 and Phase 3 counties.

Museums, bowling alleys and outdoor recreation guidance documents were also recently released or updated.

Want to stay up to date on the latest Safe Start guidance updates? Sign up for the weekly business and worker newsletter [here](#).

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