

Local Snapshot

Pacific County Positive Cases: 115

Pacific County Residents Tested: 3250

Probable Cases (Not Confirmed): 3

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: 99,150. WA Total Deaths: 2,282

Neighboring Counties: Wahkiakum County 10 cases, Grays Harbor 643 cases, Lewis County 670

cases, Clatsop County 234 cases.

Concern that Climb in Cases Means ‘Fall Surge’ is Starting; Experts Say We Must Act Now to Reverse Trend

[Data from the Washington State Department of Health](#) show that case numbers in western Washington counties are climbing at an alarming rate, near or beyond previous peaks in some areas. As cases in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties continue to trend sharply upward, health officials warn we may now be entering the fall surge.

This is not a problem we’re facing on our own. Nationwide, numbers are concerning as well: last Friday there were [70,000 cases in one day in the United States](#), matching the largest number set back when disease activity was high in July. These cases are climbing, not because of localized outbreaks, but because of widespread disease transmission. A surge in cases right now could have very serious consequences for our healthcare system, local plans to open schools, the state’s economic recovery, and beyond.

“When this happens, we place everyone, but particularly our elders, parents, grandparents and those with diabetes, heart disease, cancer and other chronic disease at great risk. A surge in COVID-19 along with flu season puts us at enormous risk of overwhelming our hospital systems and undoing other important statewide progress toward containment,” says Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “However, all of us doing our part can turn this trend around.”

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/2423/Concern-that-climb-in-cases-means-fall-surge-is-starting-Experts-say-we-must-act-now-to-reverse-trend>

Washington’s ‘Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Plan’ submitted to CDC

The Washington State Department of Health submitted its [interim vaccination plan for COVID-19 vaccine distribution](#) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by the stated deadline of October 16, 2020.

This plan is Washington state’s response to the request from the CDC for state and territorial health departments to answer questions and outline their preliminary plans for vaccine distribution. It describes how the department will approach the work of planning for and distributing an U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine once available. It also describes how crucial lessons learned from the H1N1 pandemic vaccine distribution in 2009 informed our COVID-19 vaccine plan.

“We want to emphasize that this is the first version of our plan,” said Michele Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary with executive oversight for COVID-19 vaccines. “This is essentially a living document. But the one thing that won’t change is our focus on equitable distribution of the vaccine as a priority. As we learn more about the vaccine, and as we learn more specifically from communities and partners most impacted by COVID-19, this plan will evolve.”

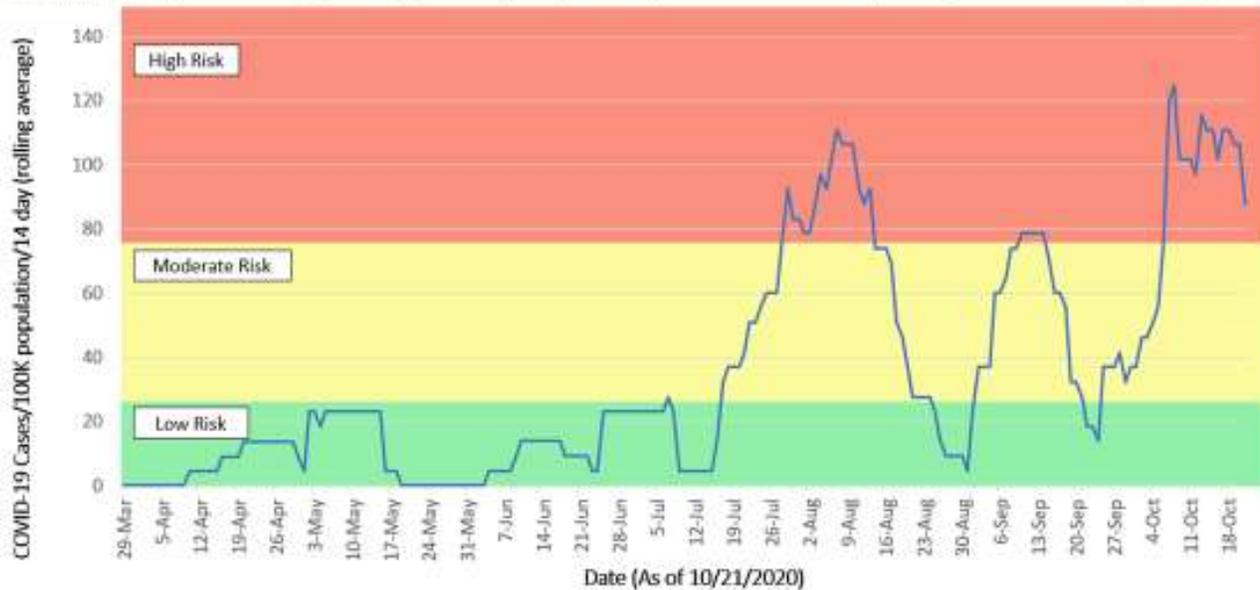
Overall, Washington state is well positioned to receive, handle, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccine once an FDA-approved safe and effective vaccine is available. DOH has started its planning through intentional engagement and collaboration with other, state agencies, local government, health care providers, neighboring states, and community partners. In compliance with the government-to-government process, the department will follow its [consultation and collaboration procedure](#) for engaging with tribal nations.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/2426/Washingtons-Interim-COVID-19-Vaccination-Plan-submitted-to-CDC>



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



State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy Announces Future Plans

OLYMPIA – State Health Officer Dr. Kathy Lofy is publicly announcing that she will be resigning her position at the Department of Health later this year.

“This decision is my own, and it’s a personal one,” says Dr. Lofy. “My only definitive plan after I leave the agency is to take a brief hiatus from my career to focus on being a mom, improving my health and reconnecting with friends and family.”

“I am so grateful for the work Kathy has done throughout her tenure here, but I’m most thankful for her partnership in every major priority that the department has taken on in the last several years,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “Her leadership, guidance and support have been invaluable.”

Dr. Lofy’s leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic has been key to the successes DOH has made as a state not only in responding to the crisis, but offering key advice to leaders and to the people of Washington on how to stay safe.

“We are very fortunate to have had Kathy Lofy looking out for the health of all Washingtonians. Her leadership, her dedication to science and data have been invaluable not only during the COVID pandemic, but throughout her entire time at DOH,” Gov. Jay Inslee said. “Kathy will be greatly missed but she’s earned this time off. I have no doubt that whatever endeavor she takes on next, she will bring the same focus, energy and commitment. I thank her for her incredible service and wish her the very best.”

COVID-19 transmission increasing in western Washington, rates flat but higher in eastern Washington

Today the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest [statewide situation report](#) on COVID-19 transmission.

Report findings include:

- **Transmission is increasing in western Washington and recently plateauing in eastern Washington.** The best estimates of the reproductive number (how many new people each COVID-19 patient will infect) were 1.12 in western Washington and 0.94 in eastern Washington as of September 27. The goal is a number well below one, which would mean COVID-19 transmission is declining.
- **The situation in eastern Washington is unstable and efforts to control the spread of the virus must be strictly maintained or intensified to avoid a backslide.** This instability is clear in case and hospitalization numbers, where we've seen increases and decreases at various points in September rather than the desired steady downward trend. The proportion of positive tests to total tests also remains high. Per person, the case rate in eastern Washington is twice as high as in western Washington and the daily hospitalization rate is more than twice as high.
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Newsroom/Articles/ID/2417/COVID-19-transmission-increasing-in-western-Washington-rates-flat-but-higher-in-eastern-Washington>

County Data and Case Update	9/30/2020	10/7/2020	10/14/2020	10/21/2020
Confirmed Cases (Total)	86	91	107	115
<i>Confirmed Cases that resided in Pacific County</i>	83	88	104	112
<i>Active Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	7	11	21	10
<i>Probable Cases (monitored by Public Health)</i>	1	6	4	3
<i>Closed Cases (no longer monitored by Public Health)</i>	80	86	90	108
Hospitalizations	8	8	8	8
Deaths	3	3	3	3
Percent Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%	2.6%
Total Tests: Pacific County Residents (Pacific County Healthcare/Public Health)	2602 (4229)	2770 (4488)	3054 (4880)	3250 5170
Percent Positive (confirmed cases/total tests)	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Percent Positive (7 Day Average):	3.7%	3.0%	5.6%	4.1%
Cases per 100k per 14 days (rolling)	27.7	50.1	87.8	87.8

Updates highlighted

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

