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Tuesday, May 19, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including economic recovery efforts. The link to view the video is at right.

DRIVE-UP COVID-19 TESTING SCHEDULE

Snohomish Health District will conduct community-based COVID-19 testing in Stanwood and Marysville this week. Further information at right.

EVERETT CARES GRANT PROGRAM OPEN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES

The City of Everett has opened the CARES grant application window for public service agencies in Everett. Details and links at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Provides COVID-19 Response Update

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Nate Nehring, Chair, Snohomish County Council and Advisory Group for Economic and Workforce Recovery. They provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including economic recovery efforts.

The video is available at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>

Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing Schedule

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) completed its pilot of the rapid test machines and is returning to drive-thru sites similar to the site operated in March.

Thanks to an ongoing partnership with Sno-Isle Libraries, community-based testing will resume at two different locations this week:

- Wednesday, May 20 outside the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 9701 271st St NW in Stanwood; and
- Friday, May 22 outside the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 6120 Grove St in Marysville.

Registration is now available for Wednesday, with appointments beginning at 9 a.m. and the last slot starting at 2 p.m. Registration for Friday's location will be opened up on Wednesday.

These community-based testing sites are being operated by the Snohomish Health District, with volunteer support from the Medical Reserve Corps. This test will not use the rapid test machines, but rather the regular nasal swabs that are sent to a lab. Results are expected to be communicated back to individuals within 2-3 days.

Criteria for testing and registration details remain the same. Updates and registration information is available at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

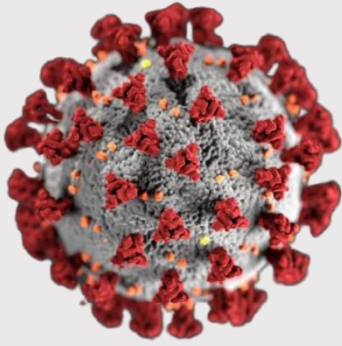
The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very fluid situation and information will be updated at www.snohd.org/ncov2019 and the Health District's social media channels.

For more information please read SHD's [news release](#).

Everett CARES Grant Program Open for Public Service Agencies

The Everett CARES Grant Program is made possible by funding provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 Crisis. Funds are intended to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 impacts. Funding is distributed through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is designed to serve low- to moderate-income persons and households.

A total of \$1 Million has been made available under the new Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Grant Program; \$500,000 allocated for Economic Development Relief and \$500,000 allocated for public services. Applications are only open at this time for agencies providing public services.



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UPDATE FROM THE EVERGREEN STATE FAIRGROUNDS

The Evergreen State Fairgrounds is looking to community groups for help offering ideas, volunteers, and other resources to be able to create ways to bring aspects of the Fair to the community. Details and contact information at right.

FARMERS MARKET SEASON BEGINS

Information on how you can support your local farmers through Farmers Markets and CSAs is at right.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service funds are available for agencies serving those affected by COVID-19. Priorities for Everett CARES Funding for public services include:

- Access to Food
- Housing security
- Agencies serving communities of color, immigrant, and non-English speaking persons
- Agencies with programs or partnerships that address equity (partnerships must already be in place; funds must be administered a.s.a.p. and cannot be used for unsecured partnership)

Funds are provided as a reimbursable grant, for expenses incurred from April 30, 2020 – May 1, 2021.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 29, 2020.

Note: the application window for the Everett CARES small business grant program has ended. The City of Everett will notify those who applied by May, 22, 2020.

Update from the Evergreen State Fairgrounds

COVID-19 has had a significant economic impact on the Fair park and county budget, but the Evergreen State Fairgrounds is continuing to develop ways to safely celebrate the Spirit of the Fair that has been cancelled. The fairgrounds is looking to community groups for help offering ideas, volunteers, and other resources to be able to create ways to bring aspects of the Fair to the community.

This is the first time that the Fair has been cancelled since WWII and at other times in history the community has supported the Fair to keep it going. Please use their [Contact Us](#) page on the website or email fair.marketing@snoco.org to provide input.

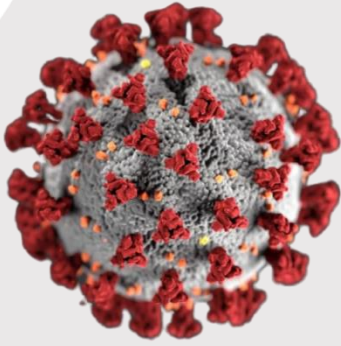
Farmers Market Season Begins

Snohomish County Farmers Markets, U-Pick Farms and buying local produce will look a little different this year because of COVID-19, but there are still plenty of ways to support local farmers. The Snohomish Health District has put out these guidelines for Farmers Markets. [Snohomish Health District-Farmers Markets Guidelines](#)

Here are links to just a few of the local markets:

- [Snohomish Farmers Market](#)
Every Thursday 3-7pm at Stocker Farms, 8705 Marsh Road, Snohomish
- [Everett Farmers Market](#)
Starting 5/17/20-Every Sunday 11am –3pm Please visit website for guidelines
- [Everett Station Farmers Market](#)
Will be opening June 10th. Visit website for current status.
- [Edmonds Farmers Market](#)
Saturdays 9am –2pm. Visit website for current status.
- [Woodinville Farmers Market](#)
Visit website for current status.
- [Monroe Farmers Market](#)
Starting Wednesday, May 27th from 2:30pm –7pm @ Galaxy Theatre in Monroe.

Can't make it to the market? What about a CSA? Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way to support local farmers, receive healthy produce and because you are often sent the produce that is in season, you get the opportunity to try something new. CSAs are a subscription-



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BOTHELL REC @ HOME

The City of Bothell has launched the Rec @ Home program to connect the community with fun programs to do from home. Link at right.

REMINDER: SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES IS OFFERING ONLINE SERVICES

Get full access to all digital materials and online services through Sno-Isle Libraries with an Online-Access Card. Links at right.

INSLEE ANNOUNCES EXPANDED COUNTY VARIANCE CRITERIA AND WORKING WA SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

In a press conference today, Gov. Jay Inslee announced expanded county variance criteria and the first installment of Working WA Small Business Grants. Details and links at right.

based service where you receive boxes of farm fresh produce over an agreed amount of time. Some CSA's will allow you to mix and match items and others send a good balance of what is in season.

Here are links to just a few local farms:

- [Caruso Farms](#)
- [One Leaf Farm](#)
- [Radicke Roots Farm](#)
- [Chinook Farms](#)
- [Klesick's](#)
- [Garden Treasures Farm](#)
- [Skylight Farms](#)
- [Full Circle](#)

If you have information about a farmers market, farm, or u-pick program that is not listed here please contact the Fairgrounds through their [contact us form](#) on their website or by emailing fair.marketing@snoco.org.

Bothell Rec @ Home

The City of Bothell launched the Rec @ Home program to connect the community with fun programs to do from home. Check out their [Rec @ Home events](#).

Reminder: Sno-Isle Libraries is Offering Online Services

Sign up online for a Sno-Isle Libraries Online Access Card and get full access to [all digital materials and online services](#) available through Sno-Isle Libraries, including ebooks, e-audiobooks and other digital media, streaming movies and music, and all the library databases and learning services. Sign up [here](#).

Inslee Announces Expanded County Variance Criteria and Working WA Small Business Grants

Gov. Jay Inslee held a press conference today discussing expanding eligible counties to apply for variances to move to Phase 2 and the Working WA Small Business Grant program. Gov. Inslee was joined by Washington State Department of Health Secretary John Wiesman, Washington State Department of Commerce Secretary Lisa Brown and Pend Oreille County business owner Rob Owens.

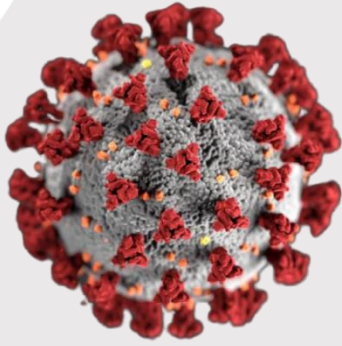
Expanded county variance criteria

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced new criteria for additional counties to apply for variances to move to Phase 2 of the state's [Safe Start](#) recovery plan.

Under the plan, smaller counties [can apply for a variance](#) from the order which would allow them to open even more businesses than allowed statewide. Counties are now eligible to apply if they have less than 10 new cases per 100,000 residents over a 14-day span.

Under the new criteria, 10 additional counties will be [eligible to apply](#) for a variance. They are:

- Adams
- Clark
- Clallam
- Island
- Kitsap
- Lewis
- Mason
- Thurston
- San Juan
- Spokane



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FIRST WASHINGTON CORRECTIONS LINE OF DUTY DEATH FROM COVID-19

It is with great sadness we share that Correctional Officer Berisford Anthony Morse passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from complications of COVID-19. Link to the press release from Department of Corrections is at right.

The [new criteria](#) are similar to the guidance released by the CDC for reopening regions nationwide. Increasing the counties eligible for variance will allow for increased economic activity around the state while also prioritizing the health and safety of workers and customers to limit the spread of COVID-19.

As of Monday, 10 counties have already been approved to move into Phase 2. Twenty-two counties in the state are eligible in total. Combined, these counties represent 30% of the state.

Read the rest of the story on the [governor's Medium page](#).

Working WA Small Business Grant Program: Commerce Awards First 500 Working Washington Small Business Relief Grants in 20 Counties

The Washington State Department of Commerce today announced the first group of grants approved for 501 very small businesses impacted by COVID-19 through the Governor's [Working Washington Small Business emergency grant program](#). Businesses with up to 10 employees in Adams, Asotin, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pierce, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skamania, Stevens and Walla Walla were awarded grants ranging from \$566 – \$10,000 to cover allowable costs including rent, utility bills, supplies, inventory and other operating expenses.

The grants are funded with \$10 million from the Governor's Economic Development Strategic Reserve Fund – \$5 million from the Working Washington strategic reserve fund and an additional \$5 million from the state's \$200 million COVID-19 emergency response package approved by the Legislature in March.

Read the [full release](#).

First Washington Corrections Line of Duty Death from COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Corrections was notified that Correctional Officer Berisford Anthony Morse, 65 years of age, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from complications of COVID-19.

Officer Morse had worked for the department since October 2003. During his over 16 year career with Corrections, Mr. Morse worked as a correctional officer at [Monroe Correctional Complex](#) and as a non-permanent community corrections officer for seven months in 2013.

Officer Morse worked in the Minimum Security Unit (MSU) of the Monroe Correctional Complex. The MSU has had 14 positive cases of COVID-19 in the incarcerated population.

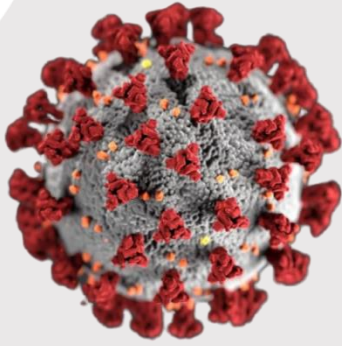
Officer Morse last worked at the facility on the morning of April 24. Mr. Morse contacted the shift commander on the evening of April 24 to report he had symptoms of COVID-19, was going to seek medical attention and get tested. The facility was notified on April 27 that Morse had tested positive for COVID-19.

Corrections conducted contact tracing and notified any individuals who were determined to be close contacts. On April 12, Officer Morse was identified as part of contact tracing for a COVID-19 positive incarcerated male at the Minimum Security Unit.

For more information please read DOC's [news release](#).

Inslee Announces Restart of All Medical Services in Washington

Gov. Jay Inslee today announced the state's plan for all elective procedures to resume. Each medical or dental practice will assess their



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INSLEE ANNOUNCES RESTART OF ALL MEDICAL SERVICES IN WASHINGTON

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INSLEE ISSUES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR PET GROOMING OPERATIONS IN PHASE 2

Guidance for resuming pet grooming operations in Phase 2 was released yesterday. Details at right.

LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST GYMS VIOLATING GOVERNOR'S ORDER, INCLUDING GYM IN ARLINGTON

Attorney General Bob Ferguson today announced consumer protection lawsuits against two gyms that continue to operate in violation of Gov. Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation. Details at right.

own readiness and their communities' COVID-19 activity to determine whether, and to what degree, they will reopen.

Aside from being determined by the COVID-19 activity in different regions of the state, the reopening of health care services are based on three standards of care. Readiness will be determined by the availability of PPE, hospital capacity and more.

Under this plan, each health care or dental provider must meet certain criteria to be able to begin performing elective procedures. Each provider evaluates their readiness to begin and must maintain standards to continue to see patients.

Read the rest of the story on [the governor's Medium page](#).

Inslee Issues Additional Guidance for Pet Grooming Operations in Phase 2

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance for resuming pet grooming operations in Phase 2.

Guidance documents:

- [Memo: Resuming Pet Grooming](#)
- [Phase 2 Pet Grooming Industry COVID-19 Requirements](#)

[Full list of guidance for all current businesses.](#)

Lawsuits Filed Against Gyms Ignoring Governor's Order, Including Gym in Arlington

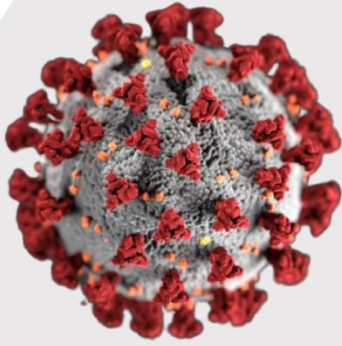
Attorney General Bob Ferguson today announced consumer protection lawsuits against two gyms that continue to operate in violation of Gov. Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation. Both business owners have received multiple warnings that, by continuing to operate, they were endangering public health. In addition, they are engaging in an unfair business practice while their competitors remain closed. Consequently, the gyms are gaining an unfair advantage over their competitors who are complying with the proclamation, which violates the Consumer Protection Act.

Ferguson has given both businesses one final opportunity to avoid monetary penalties. The Attorney General's Office attached a cover letter to the two lawsuits filed in Pierce County Superior Court (click for [complaint](#) and [cover letter](#)) and Snohomish County Superior Court (click for [complaint](#) and [cover letter](#)). Ferguson's letter informs both businesses that the state will not seek monetary penalties if the businesses close within 24 hours. If the businesses refuse to close, the state will seek monetary penalties as well as the costs and fees of bringing the actions.

The business owners, Michael J. Baker and Shane D. Cowhig of Fitness 101 Team Puyallup, more commonly known as Northwest Fitness Co., and Michael and Richard Jellison of Power Alley Fitness, more commonly known as PA Fitness, in Arlington, received multiple warnings about remaining open. On Friday, both businesses received cease and desist letters as final warnings to cease operating within 48 hours or face a lawsuit. ([Click here for Northwest Fitness Co.'s letter](#), and [here for PA Fitness' letter](#))

Despite these warnings, the businesses continue to operate. As a result, the Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit late yesterday against each business and their owners.

In addition to the state's lawsuit, the City of Arlington notified PA Fitness owners in the form of a [letter sent May 14](#) that, because they are operating unlawfully, the city has the right to revoke their business license, impose daily penalties, seek a court order to stop their operation, and refer the case for criminal prosecution. The city also offered to assist the owners



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SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS REYKDAL ON CURRENT STATUS OF WASHINGTON SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19: WEBINAR FRIDAY AT 12:30 P.M.

Link to register for the upcoming webinar with Washington State Superintendent Chris Reykdal is at right.

UW MEDICINE ANNOUNCES FURLOUGHS DUE TO COVID-19 COSTS

UW Medicine announced temporary furloughs for approximately 1,500 professional and classified non-union staff to help address the financial challenges caused by COVID-19. Link to the full press release is at right.

TRUMP TWEETS SOUND TRANSIT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS

In a tweet today, President Donald Trump announced that Sound Transit will receive over \$166 million in federal funds.

in accessing relief programs and education about how to re-open when it is safe to do so.

For more information please read the AG's [news release](#).

Superintendent Chris Reykdal on Current Status of Washington Schools During COVID-19: Webinar Friday at 12:30 P.M.

Washington State Superintendent Chris Reykdal will host a webinar Friday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. to discuss and answer questions about the current status of Washington schools during COVID-19.

Please register [here](#) to attend the webinar.

UW Medicine Announces Furloughs Due to COVID-19 Costs

UW Medicine announced temporary furloughs for approximately 1,500 professional and classified non-union staff to help address the financial challenges caused by COVID-19. Leadership also notified relevant unions of its intent to furlough represented classified staff and is actively negotiating the impacts of those plans. These actions are necessary to address the unprecedented estimated financial impact of approximately \$500 million to UW Medicine due to COVID-19.

Impacted employees, including those who have volunteered to participate, will be furloughed from one-to-eight weeks and will maintain benefits, including health insurance, during the furlough period. UW Medicine executive leaders, directors and managers are participating in furloughs along with staff across UW Medicine, including Harborview Medical Center, the two University of Washington Medical Center campuses, UW Neighborhood Clinics, Faculty Practice Plan Services, UW Medicine shared services and Airlift Northwest.

Read the [full release](#).

Trump Tweets Sound Transit to Receive Federal Funds



Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

I am pleased to announce that the Seattle area's [@SoundTransit](#) will receive over \$166M in federal funds from [@USDOT](#) to help keep the transit system open & operational, helping get people to work or make necessary trips. These funds help replace lost fare revenue, very important!

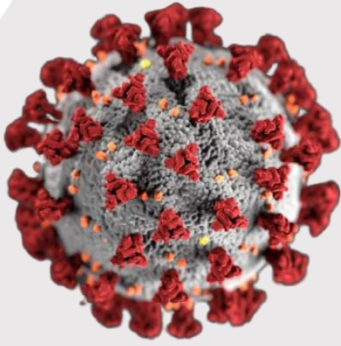
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IRS Adds Phone Operators to Answer Economic Impact Payment Questions

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced they will add 3,500 telephone representatives to answer some of the most common questions about Economic Impact Payments. Additional information can also be found on their [webpage](#).

For more information please read the IRS' [news release](#).





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\$40 MILLION IN EMERGENCY COVID-19 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

SAMHSA announced an emergency \$40 million grant program to prevent suicide. Information at right.

\$40 Million in Emergency COVID-19 Grants Available for Suicide Prevention

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced an emergency \$40 million grant program to prevent suicide.

The purpose of the program is to support states and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate and number of suicides in the United States. The program also includes a special focus on victims of domestic violence. \$40 million in funding will be awarded to 50 applicants to spend over a 16-month period.

Eligible applicants are:

- State government agencies, including the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories. The State mental health agency or the State health agency with mental or behavioral health functions should be the lead for the ERSP grant.
- Community-based primary care or behavioral healthcare organizations.
- Public health agencies.
- Community-based service providers able to meet psychiatric and psychosocial needs of clients including, for example, shelters for victims of domestic violence, clubhouse-type facilities.
- Emergency departments.
- Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes, tribal organizations, Urban Indian Organizations, and consortia of tribes or tribal organizations.

The \$40 million will add to the \$375 million that SAMHSA has previously awarded in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on SAMHSA’s efforts to strengthen treatment for mental and substance use disorders during the pandemic, visit www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus.

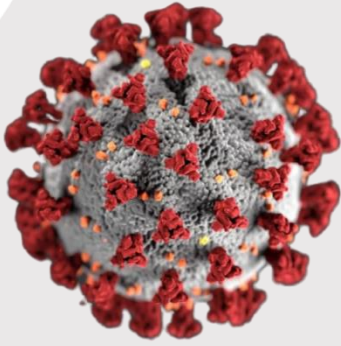
SAMHSA also operates the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (www.suicideprevention.org), a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number is 1-800-273-8255.

For more information please read SAMHSA's [grant announcement](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 19, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,818
Probable	336
Deceased	131

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Arlington	118 (99 recovered)
Bothell*	211 (166 recovered)
Brier	20 (18 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	326 (252 recovered)
Everett	912 (670 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	24 (20 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	117 (101 recovered)
Lynnwood	602 (462 recovered)
Marysville	241 (184 recovered)
Mill Creek	50 (41 recovered)
Monroe	78 (62 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	103 (87 recovered)
Mukilteo	56 (54 recovered)
Snohomish	145 (127 recovered)
Stanwood	95 (78 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	20 (13 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.