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Monday, June 22, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DATA UPDATES AND COVID ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

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DRIVE-THRU TESTING SCHEDULE UPDATE

This week's drive-thru testing schedule from the Snohomish Health District is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Data Updates and COVID Activity Snapshot

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The health district also has worked with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to install a plug-in from their data dashboard, allowing data specific to Snohomish County to display directly in the Case Counts page. Within the next 1-2 weeks, a similar plug-in for the [Phases and Risk Assessment Dashboard](#) is anticipated to be added.

The Health District is still providing updates Monday-Friday of total confirmed cases, total probable, and a breakdown of cases by city (see the end of this briefing for this information). A weekly report is now being posted on Fridays, providing a more detail analysis of cases in Snohomish County from the prior week. The [report for the week ending June 13](#) has now been posted.

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.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SNAPSHOT AS OF JUNE 19, 2020

COVID-19 ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 on June 5. Snohomish Health District monitors these metrics and submits a weekly report to the Washington State Department of Health.

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COVID-19 ACTIVITY	TARGET	CURRENT	CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT
Confirmed cases reported May 31 - June 13, 2020	<25 cases / 100,000 residents / 14 days	22	no change
Trends in hospitalization for lab-confirmed COVID-19	Flat or decreasing	Flat	no change

Drive-Thru Testing Schedule Update

The Snohomish Health District is continuing its expanded community-based testing operations.

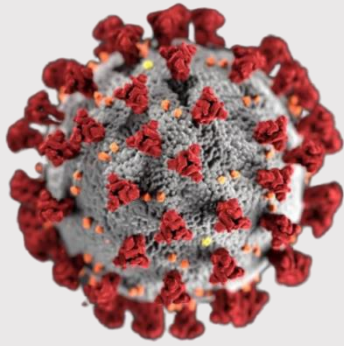
The schedule for the week of June 22 is as follows:

- Tuesday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McCollum Park located at 600 128th St SE in Everett
- Wednesday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 1070 Village Way in Monroe
- Thursday, June 25 from noon to 7 p.m. at McCollum Park
- Friday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 311 Maple Ave in Snohomish
- Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McCollum Park

Testing will continue to be available to those who are:

Sick and have developed any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days:





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MORE ON TESTING

Read the Snohomish Health District's blog on who should be tested, how to get tested, and more.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT, EVERETT TRANSIT SET TO RESUME FARE COLLECTION JULY 1

According to an article in *The Daily Herald*, Community Transit and Everett Transit have announced fare collection will resume July 1.

STATE RELEASES NEW COVID-19 DATA TIED TO OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY

Data from a new report from the Department of Health and Department of Labor & Industries shows the largest number of COVID-19 cases is associated with health care workers and people who provide healthcare support.

- Fever,
- Chills,
- Cough,
- Difficulty breathing,
- Fatigue,
- Muscle pain or body aches,
- Headache,
- Sore throat,
- Runny nose or nasal congestion, or
- New loss of taste or smell.

Asymptomatic individuals who:

- Are a close contact of a confirmed case, or
- Live in a congregate setting, like a shelter, group home or assisted living facility, or
- Work in a location that has had a case,
- Part of a family or social network that has had a case, or
- Work in healthcare, EMS, law enforcement or other fields where work settings have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, or
- Are part of a racial or ethnic group that has been disproportionately impacted by this virus in terms of rate or severity of cases (this includes people who are Black, Latinx, Native American/Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander), or
- Need testing as required for health care, employment, or travel.

Registration is now open at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

More on Testing

Testing is one of the key pieces of the COVID-19 response, and it is something that has changed and expanded over time. Testing will continue to play a crucial role in reducing the spread of illness, responding to outbreaks, tracking this pandemic, and – ultimately – being able to reopen more of Snohomish County's economy and activities.

COVID-19 testing is much more widely available now than it was in the early days of the pandemic. Snohomish County currently has more testing capacity than demand. In some ways, that can be good news, as it may signal that fewer people are in need of testing. But ideally, more people should be getting test to better track the status of COVID-19 in the community. It shapes the Health District's understanding of this pandemic and informs efforts to curb the spread of this disease by isolating cases, identifying their contacts, and making sure they're quarantined. To help answer some of those questions, the Health District has published a new blog: [Who should be tested, how to get tested, and more](#).

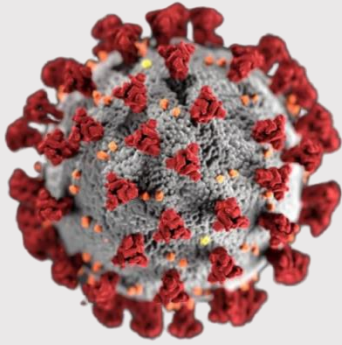
Community Transit, Everett Transit Set to Resume Fare Collection July 1

Community Transit and Everett Transit have announced that fare collection for transit service will resume July 1. Both transit agencies suspended fare collection in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read the Herald article.](#)

State Releases New COVID-19 Data Tied to Occupation, Industry

The largest number of COVID-19 cases in Washington state is associated with health care workers and people who provide healthcare support, according to data in a [new report](#) from the Washington State [Department](#)



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INSLEE TAKES ACTION ON THREE PROCLAMATIONS

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of Health (DOH) and the Department of [Labor & Industries \(L&I\)](#) Safety & Health Assessment & Research for Prevention (SHARP) program.

The report details total COVID-19 cases, by occupation and industry, through May 27. The information about occupation, industry and employer was collected during interviews with people who tested positive for COVID-19.

The highest number of infections is among workers in health care and social assistance. The manufacturing industry has the second highest number of cases. This includes traditional manufacturing businesses as well as food processing facilities.

It's important to note that while the risk for contracting COVID-19 may be higher for people depending on their industry or occupation, this report reflects where people work, not where or how they were infected. It can be difficult to determine with certainty where and how people get infected. In addition, healthcare workers have been a priority testing group since the start of the pandemic potentially resulting in increased detection of COVID-19 in this group.

Many of the people who provided occupation and industry information when interviewed by public health after testing positive for COVID-19 also provided information about race and ethnicity. Looking at data on race and ethnicity by industry and occupation can help identify workers at higher risk of contracting this illness and help focus our prevention efforts. For example, 12 percent of Hispanic and Latinx workers are employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, while 21 percent of COVID-19 cases among these workers are in that industry.

Additional studies are needed to better understand the risks of certain occupations for COVID-19. This report will be updated regularly online.

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The proclamations are as follows:

Shared Work – [20-58](#)

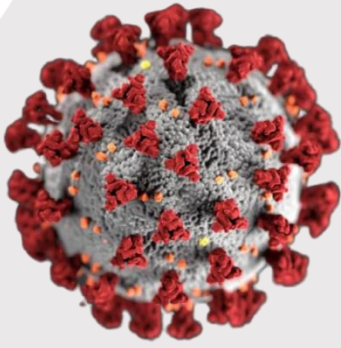
This proclamation waives/suspends the statute that requires shared work benefits to be paid by employers, thereby allowing federal CARES Act funding to be used to pay for the employer portion of shared work benefits. The proclamation will expire on July 19.

Temporary Licensing – Dental and Pharmacy Graduates – [20-59](#)

Due to the impact of COVID on the inability of recent dental, dental hygiene, and pharmacy graduates to meet statutory licensing requirements, this proclamation allows dental hygiene and pharmacy graduates to obtain a temporary license if certain conditions are met. The proclamation will expire on July 19.

Department of Licensing – License and Permit Renewal Extension - [20-41.5](#)

The new waiver added here suspends part of the law that requires those seeking instructional permits from having to sign a form "before a person authorized to administer oaths." Instead, now DOL will be able to do an online attestation and not have to meet in-person. The proclamation was extended by approval from the Legislature to July 1.



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ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE RELEASED FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERALS UNDER SAFE START

Gov. Jay Inslee announced additional clarification for non-religious weddings and funeral or memorial services in Phases 1, 2, and 3.

TIPS FOR SAFER SUMMER FUN DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

The Washington State Department of Health has a new blog post with advice for summer fun.

GOVERNOR SAYS HE PLANS TO REQUIRE WEARING FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC IN YAKIMA COUNTY

On Saturday, Gov. Jay Inslee said he will issue a proclamation requiring Yakima County residents to wear face coverings in public.

Additional Guidance Released for Weddings, Funerals Under Safe Start

Gov. Jay Inslee announced additional clarification Friday for non-religious weddings and funeral or memorial services in Phases 1, 2 and 3. This comes as more counties move forward under Washington's Safe Start recovery plan.

The memorandum further clarifies the guidance for religious and faith-based organizations released on Thursday, June 18.

Find the full memo [here](#).

Tips for Safer Summer Fun During COVID-19 Crisis

The state Department of Health has a new blog post with advice for summer fun.

It's summer and it's time to go outside! The good news is, when it comes to COVID-19, just about anything you can come up with to do outside is going to be lower risk than a gathering indoors.

Still, keep that cloth face covering with your outdoor gear. There's a lot of people looking forward to being outside, and if you end up along a trail or in a park where you can't consistently stay more than six feet away from people — or if "nature calls" and you need to go inside for a minute — put that cloth face covering on.

As you are considering your plans for the summer, the keys to COVID-free summer fun are:

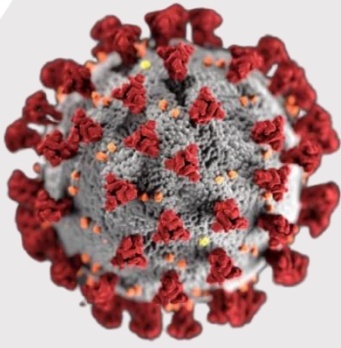
- Outside is lower risk than inside.
- Small gatherings are lower risk than large gatherings.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people as much as possible.
- Wash your hands, and keep a bottle of hand sanitizer within easy reach. Like next to the sunscreen and bug spray.

The full post, with advice for reducing risk while camping, picnicking and recreating near the water, can be found [here](#).

Governor Says He Plans to Require Wearing Face Coverings in Public in Yakima County

Gov. Jay Inslee on Saturday said he will issue a proclamation requiring Yakima County residents to wear face coverings in public. The announcement comes as COVID-19 cases in that community are surging.

[According to news reports](#), Inslee said the proclamation will come in the next several days and it will include a legal requirement that businesses not sell products to customers who do not wear face coverings.



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KREIDLER EXTENDS EMERGENCY ORDER ON TELEHEALTH COVERAGE

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler extended the emergency order requiring all state-regulated health insurers to cover telehealth.



Governor Jay Inslee ✓
@GovInslee

NEW: Facial coverings will be legally required while in public in Yakima County starting early next week.

It has the highest rate of COVID-19 per capita in the Western United States.

We cannot wait. This is an emergency.



Yakima County hospitals exceed capacity; report critical staffing shortages
Virginia Mason Memorial and other Yakima County hospitals have exceeded capacity, prompting Yakima Health District officials to urge residents to forgo big...
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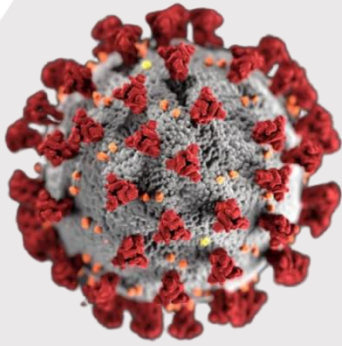
Kreidler Extends Emergency Order on Telehealth Coverage

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [extended his emergency order](#) directing all state-regulated health insurers to make additional coverage changes to aid consumers during the coronavirus pandemic. His order is in effect until July 19 and requires health insurers to:

- Continue coverage for providing telehealth via methods including telephone and video chat tools such as Facetime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangout video, Skype and Go-to-Meeting.
- Cover all medically necessary diagnostic testing for flu and certain other viral respiratory illnesses billed during a provider visit for COVID-19 with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.
- Treat drive-up testing sites for COVID-19 as provider visit with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.

To help free up hospital beds, Kreidler is directing health insurers to waive or expedite prior authorization requirements for home healthcare or long-term care facility services to speed up discharging patients who are ready to leave.

[Read the full news release.](#)



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DOH BLOG POST: BRINGING HOME BABY IN A PANDEMIC

DOH published a new blog with tips for bringing home a new baby in the middle of a pandemic.

NEW INSTITUTE FOR DISEASE MODELING COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT RELEASED

The latest statewide modeling report was issued late last week.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

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**.

DOH Blog Post: Bringing Home a Brand-New Baby in the Middle of a Pandemic

A DOH blog post from over the weekend provides some tips for bringing home a new baby in the middle of a pandemic. Read the full blog [here](#).

New Institute for Disease Modeling COVID-19 Situation Report Released

The latest statewide modeling report suggests COVID-19 transmission was still increasing in eastern Washington and may have been stabilizing in western Washington as of early June. Some of the counties previously identified as hot spots seem to be improving, though several counties still need interventions to limit exponential growth. We continue to see very different trends from county to county. [Read the report](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 22, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 12:05 p.m.
Confirmed	3,289
Probable	459
Deaths	163

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 12:05 p.m.
Arlington	133 (125 recovered)
Bothell*	234 (208 recovered)
Brier	23 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	376 (321 recovered)
Everett	1,115 (913 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	30 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	133 (120 recovered)
Lynnwood	686 (612 recovered)
Marysville	313 (233 recovered)
Mill Creek	59 (50 recovered)
Monroe	96 (82 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	120 (110 recovered)
Mukilteo	70 (65 recovered)
Snohomish	177 (155 recovered)
Stanwood	120 (96 recovered)
Sultan	9 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	25 (22 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.