

COVID-19

Friday, July 24, 2020

DATA UPDATES AND COVID ACTIVITY SNAPSHOT

The updated COVID-19 activity snapshot and weekly report show a case rate of 79.8 per 100,000 people in a 14-day period. Links to the reports at right.

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT DRIVE-THRU TESTING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 27-31

The Snohomish Health District has announced the drive-thru testing schedule for July 27-31.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Data Updates and COVID Activity Snapshot

The Health District is still providing updates Monday-Friday of total confirmed, total probable, and a breakdown of cases by city. A weekly report is now being posted on Fridays, providing a more detailed analysis of cases in Snohomish County from the prior week.

The [report for the week ending July 18](#) has been posted, as well as the updated [COVID activity snapshot](#) that provides metrics aligned with the Phase 2 approval. Key highlights for the time period from July 2 – July 16 include:

- A case rate of 79.8 per 100,000 in a 14-day period, up from 62.1 per 100,000 from June 25 – July 9.
- Younger individuals continue to be a concern, with approximately 1 out of 4 new cases being 20-29 years old. There was also a 59% increase in cases over the 2-week period for those 15-19 years of age (80 new cases).
- Outbreaks during that 2-week period involved 13 separate locations associated with 45 confirmed cases.

There have been some questions received on why these updates do not match information on the [Phases and Risk Assessment Dashboard](#) provided by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). The data online change every day when new cases get reported. This is because the newly reported cases on any given day have a variety of different specimen collection dates. DOH's dashboard is updated frequently, whereas the Health District's report is a weekly snapshot. Overall, these are negligible, technical differences that do not affect the information and general impression provided by the data.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SNAPSHOT

TIME PERIOD: JULY 2 – JULY 16
PUBLISHED: JULY 24, 2020

COVID-19 ACTIVITY AND CAPACITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 on June 5. The 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 July 2 - July 16, 2020	<25 cases / 100,000 residents / 14 days	79.8	↑ from 62.1
Trends in hospitalization for lab-confirmed COVID-19	flat or decreasing	flat	no change

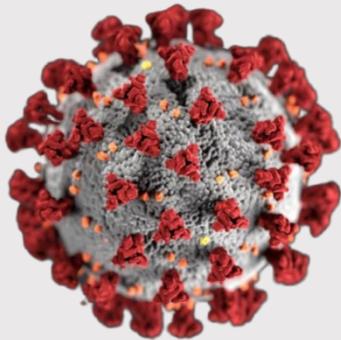
The community is encouraged to help prevent the spread of illness and to support the response to this outbreak by staying informed and sharing reliable information. This is a very fluid situation and information will be updated at www.snohd.org/ncov2019 and the Health District's social media channels.

Snohomish Health District Drive-Thru Testing Schedule for July 27-31

The Snohomish Health District was able to successfully create more capacity at its drive-thru testing site this week, seeing 250-300 people daily. The Health District will continue drive-thru testing at McCollum Park located at 600 128th St SE in Everett.

For the week of July 27 the schedule is as follows:





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NEW RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES

Snohomish Health District Health Officer reinforced the changes to the "Safe Start" reopening plan announced yesterday by Gov. Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman.

- Monday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 28 from noon to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30 from noon to 7 p.m.
- Friday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing will be available to those who are:

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

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

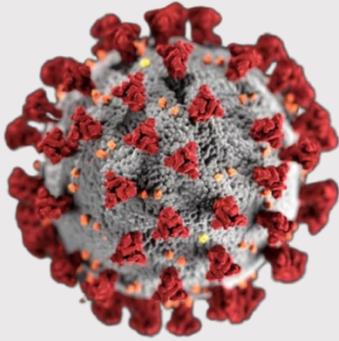
New Restrictions and Guidelines

On Thursday, Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced changes to "Safe Start," Washington's phased approach to reopening. The changes target activities that data have shown provide a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure.

To combat the rising numbers, the governor and secretary are changing guidance and regulations around restaurants, bars, and fitness centers, as well as weddings and funerals. The changes will also affect family entertainment centers, movie theaters and card rooms.

In addition to those changes, Sec. Wiesman announced an expansion of his face coverings order that will go into effect Saturday, July 25. The expansion will require face coverings in all common spaces, such as elevators, hallways and shared spaces in apartment buildings, university housing and hotels, as well as congregate setting such as nursing homes.

"With the current level and trajectory of transmission in Snohomish County, it is important to take action to stop the spread," said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Health District. "We support Secretary Wiesman's actions and continue to urge people to regularly wear a face covering when out of the home and limit gatherings to five or fewer people."



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GOVERNOR ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6

See the new guidance for weddings and funerals that will be effective August 6.

ARLINGTON AWARDS BUSINESS RENT RELIEF GRANTS, ROUND 2

The City of Arlington distributed \$97,848 to 33 businesses in round two of its Business Rent Relief Grants.

CITY OF ARLINGTON UTILITY CUSTOMER FINANCIAL SUPPORT PLAN

City of Arlington has a Customer Financial Support plan available to assist its utility customers. Details and deadlines to apply for the plan at right.

It is also important to maintain 6' of distance from non-household members, wash or sanitize hands frequently, and stay home and arrange to get tested if COVID-like symptoms develop.

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

GOVERNOR ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued new guidance for weddings and funerals, effective August 6. Under the new guidance, ceremonies will remain permitted, but receptions are prohibited. Ceremonies must adhere to current guidance; for all phases, maximum indoor occupancy is 20%, or up to 30 people, whichever is less, as long as social distancing can be observed.

The changes will take effect in two weeks, on August 6, providing a grace period for weddings and funerals previously scheduled to take place or readjust their plans.

Weddings and Funerals

- Receptions prohibited (ceremonies permitted)
- Occupancy is limited to 20% capacity OR 30 people, whichever is less
 - Must be able to maintain 6 ft. physical distance

Office of Governor Jay Inslee



[See the full list of What's Open in Each Phase here.](#)

Arlington Awards Business Rent Relief Grants, Round 2

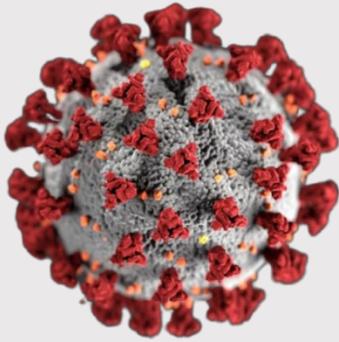
The City of Arlington distributed a total of \$193,220 to Arlington businesses through the Arlington Business Rent Relief Program. This funding was provided by the Federal 2020 CARES Act and distributed to Arlington through the WA Department of Commerce. The grants were for up to \$3,500 per business to cover 1-2 months' rent or mortgage.

The second round of grant funding was approved on Monday by City Council. 33 applicants received funding with a total of \$97,848. On June 15, 2020, City Council approved \$95,372 in the first round of grant awards for 36 businesses.

Mayor Tolbert said, "The City is committed to supporting our small businesses. We understand how stressful the shutdown has been on them and their families and we are happy to be a supportive funding partner."

City of Arlington Utility Customer Financial Support Plan

The governor's proclamation to prohibit disconnection of water services will expire August 1st. The City is waiving shut off and late fees through August 30, 2020, as an effort to help bring utility customers' accounts current. If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has implemented a customer support plan. Please call our office at 360-403-3421 for information on how to enter into the customer support plan in order to avoid water shut off. All delinquent accounts will need to be brought current or enrolled in the extended



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CITY OF BOTHELL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

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EDMONDS COLLEGE AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY PARTNER TO PRODUCE LOCALLY SOURCED PPE

Edmonds College has produced 200 face shields in a partnership with Snohomish County.

repayment plan by September 15, 2020 to avoid disconnection on September 23, 2020.

If you need financial assistance, please visit the City [website](#) to see if you are eligible for a utility rate discount. The [Arlington Community Resource Center](#) may be able to assist you to find other resources.

City of Bothell Accepting Applications for Small Business Grants

The City of Bothell is providing emergency financial support for qualified small businesses negatively impacted by the mandatory closing of non-essential businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program Description

- Will provide around 30 – 40 one-time grants of up to \$10,000 each
- Grants help offset the significant, temporary loss of revenue and help pay for expenses such as payroll, business mortgage, rent, and business utilities such as electric, natural gas, water/sewer, garbage, internet, and phone.
- Successful applicants will be required to submit documentation of operating costs.
- Please note, this is a grant program. Funds from the Bothell CARES small business grant are not repaid.
- Grants are provided from state-shared CARES Act funding.

What Businesses are Eligible?

Applicants must comply with [general provisions of the CARES Act](#). This grant is available to businesses that:

- Are a restaurant, bar, hair/nail salon, retail (brick and mortar only), commercial child care, small gym, or provides personal services (massage, acupuncture, or physical therapy)
- Have 25 employees or less, including the owner
- Have a physical address located in Bothell city limits
- Are active and licensed in the City of Bothell and Washington State
- Have gross revenues of less than \$1 million per year
- Have been in operation since September 1, 2019

How to Apply

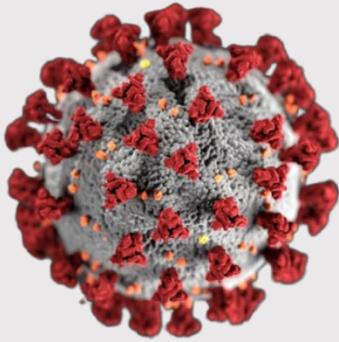
- Eligible businesses should complete an online application at www.bothellwa.gov/businessgrants starting Monday, August 3, 2020 at 8 a.m. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2020.
- Paper applications are not being accepted. If you need assistance with the online application form or internet access, please contact us.

More information and details on what makes a business ineligible at bothellwa.gov/businessgrants. All questions should be directed to Jeanie Ashe, Economic Development Manager, jeanie.ashe@bothellwa.gov, (425) 471-8124.

Edmonds College and Snohomish County Partner to Produce Locally Sourced PPE

Edmonds College and Snohomish County announced Thursday their partnership to produce locally sourced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The college has produced 200 face shields at the Washington





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MLT SEEKS NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIPS TO ASSIST RESIDENTS

The City of Mountlake Terrace is seeking nonprofit organizations to partner with the city to help MLT residents with meal delivery and/or paying unmet bills. Details and links at right.

Aerospace Training and Research Center at Snohomish County's Paine Field Airport.

Front line workers and first responders across Snohomish County have experienced difficulties procuring consistent supplies of PPE since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The uncertainty of supplies for specific types of PPE has continued as different sectors of the community reactivate and additional cases of COVID-19 emerge. Availability of PPE has also been impacted by regional demand and variability in international supply chains.

Snohomish County has been leading an effort to connect local production capacity for PPE with end-users. The sources of this production capacity range from privately-owned 3D printers and sewing machines to privately-operated businesses with equipment and personnel that could be retooled for PPE (design, 3D printers, 3D scanners, laser cutting, water jet cutting, computer numerical control, workspaces, welding, tools, etc.).

The Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center, which is owned and managed by Edmonds College, has equipment designed for training aerospace manufacturing workers that has been repurposed to produce face shields based on two innovative designs. The center manufactured two types of shields for the county, including one, the ED19 Durable Face Shield, which was designed and developed by the college's makerspace team.

"This budding partnership proves the concept of being able to increase Snohomish County's resiliency in the face of uncertain emergencies in the future by encouraging a local supply chain of distributed manufacturing," said Jason Biermann, Director of Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management.

"We're proud to partner with Snohomish County to help meet the needs of our local health care providers and community during this time," said Edmonds College President Dr. Amit Singh. "Strong, long-term partnerships such as this will be key to overcoming the pandemic and continuing to grow and build a bright future for our community."

For more information about the WATR Center, click here [here](#). For the college's makerspace, The Facility Makerspace, click [here](#).

MLT Seeks Nonprofit Partnerships to Assist Residents

The City of Mountlake Terrace (MLT) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking nonprofit organizations to partner with the city to help Mountlake Terrace residents with meal delivery and/or paying unmet bills. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020.

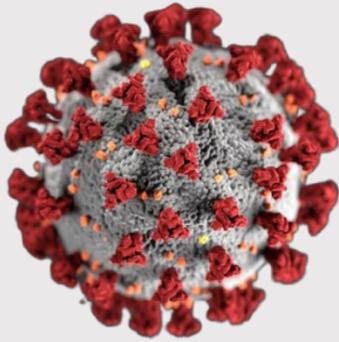
Earlier this month the Mountlake Terrace City Council approved the use of federal CARES Act funds for programs to assist the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council has authorized a program for nonprofit groups to contract with the city for two purposes: (1) Meal delivery from food banks and grab-and-go meal programs to homebound Mountlake Terrace residents; and (2) Grants to Mountlake Terrace residents to pay unmet bills.

The city's Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide these services is now [online](#). The intent of the program is for the city to contract with one or more nonprofits for each service.

The RFP can be found on the city's website at:

<https://www.cityofmlt.com/Bids.aspx?BidID=25> If your nonprofit is interested and able to help, please provide a proposal as outlined in the RFP by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31. For information on the program, contact City Manager Scott Hugill at (425) 744-6208 or cityhall@ci.mlt.wa.us.





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FALL SHIFTING TO DISTANCED-LEARNING COUGAR EXPERIENCE

WSU Pullman and WSU Everett will be online for undergraduates this fall. Read the full message from Dr. Paul Pitre at right.

COVID-19 RELATED JOB OPENINGS

Catholic Community Services and the Employment Security Department have job openings that need to be filled to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Links at right.

NEW DOH BLOG: WE DID IT BEFORE; WE CAN DO IT AGAIN

A new DOH blog encourages all of us to do whatever we can to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Fall Shifting to Distanced-Learning Cougar Experience

The following is a portion of a message from Dr. Paul Pitre, Chancellor at WSU Everett:

As Governor Jay Inslee and Washington State University President Kirk Schulz have shared, the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact all aspects of our lives.

President Schulz recently shared that WSU's fall 2020 semester will be delivered remotely for undergraduate students, with extremely limited exceptions for in-person instruction.

Stay at home. We know this decision has immediate consequences for our students and their loved ones. We understand the many emotions this decision will cause.

Our faculty and staff are hard at work to provide every student with a high-quality, WSU Everett Cougar experience, both in our academics and campus life, which also reflect current recommendations and laws for protecting the health and safety of our community.

Read the full message [here](#).

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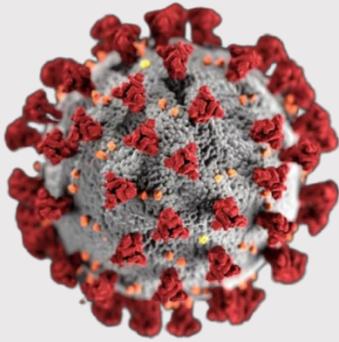
[Catholic Community Services](#)

[Employment Security Department](#)

New DOH Blog: We Did it Before; We Can Do it Again

Remember how we flattened the curve? Through June and July, the number of people diagnosed with COVID-19 has steeply increased. The number of people who have been tested has also increased, but the percent of people who test positive hasn't drastically decreased. This is one way we can tell that the increase is due to increases in the spread of the disease and not just increases in testing.

[Read the full blog here](#).



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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.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of July 24, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:12 p.m.
Confirmed	4,709 (up 89 cases from 7/23)
Probable	560 (up -0- from 7/23)
Deaths	182

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:12 p.m.
Arlington	218 (139 recovered)
Bothell*	387 (251 recovered)
Brier	28 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	467 (367 recovered)
Everett	1,521 (1,105 recovered)
Gold Bar	6 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	37 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	237 (147 recovered)
Lynnwood	874 (672 recovered)
Marysville	444 (330 recovered)
Mill Creek	88 (56 recovered)
Monroe	178 (99 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	153 (124 recovered)
Mukilteo	86 (72 recovered)
Snohomish	292 (180 recovered)
Stanwood	155 (115 recovered)
Sultan	21 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	40 (25 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (13 recovered)
Woodway	9 (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.