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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance

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For schools (2020/21) please see [this updated information.](#)

For schools (2021/22) please see [this updated information.](#)

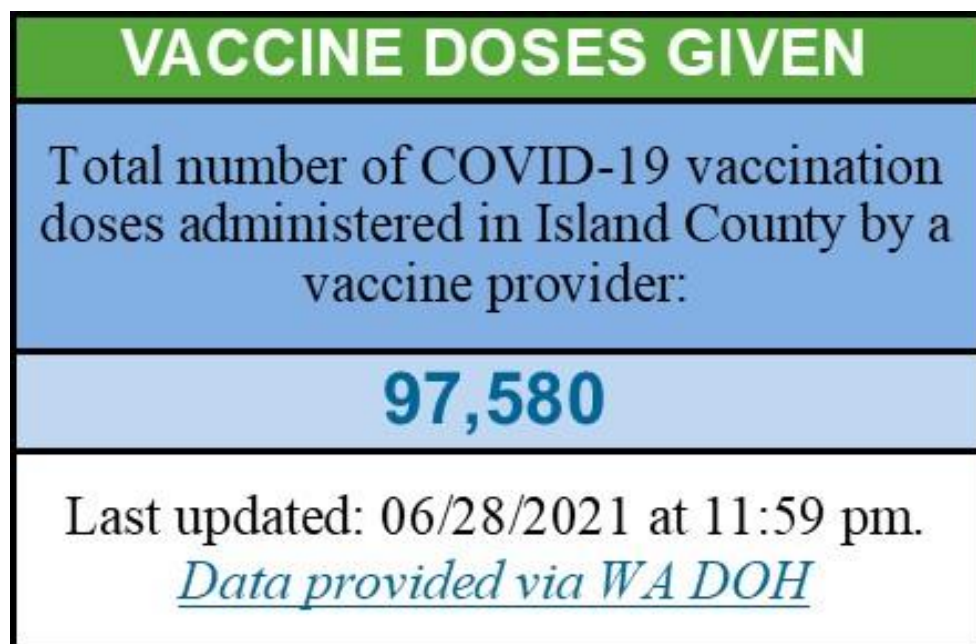
Island County Public Health wants to make sure that the citizens of Island County have access to reliable guidance surrounding COVID-19. We update guidance weekly to help inform our community. For archived copies of this community guidance, visit the COVID-19 section of our [webpage](#).

Numbers and Data

A case rate of 36.55 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of June 18th, 2021 to July 1st, 2021. Island County has 1,876 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 29 deaths. *Note, Surveillance numbers will be updated every Thursday. Current numbers are posted on our COVID webpage.

Update from Department of Health (DOH)

Newest numbers: DOH reported a total of 414,785 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on June 29th, 2021. There have been 5,930 COVID-19 deaths in Washington. For the most recent tally of cases by county, demographics, and more, visit the [Department of Health's Dashboard](#) and the state's [Road to Recovery Metrics dashboard](#). Race and ethnicity data are included on the DOH dashboards, as well as in specific reports.



Mobile Vaccination Team Events

Island County continues to provide mobile vaccination events.

Current locations are:

- ➔ ~~Cancelled July 4th Independence Day Celebration at Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor 10:00am to 6:00pm~~
****Please note: Due to safety concerns with the heat, we are cancelling COVID vaccines at the July 4th event****
- ➔ July 15th to 18th Whidbey Island Fair, Langley 12:00pm to 5:00pm each day.
- ➔ **July 16th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm - Keith Higman, Island County's Public Health Director, will be at the Whidbey Island Fair to answer questions regarding COVID and COVID Vaccines.**

These vaccination events are open to the public. All three vaccines, Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, available! Ages 12+ welcome! No appointment, ID, or insurance necessary. Stop by and get your vaccine! Our Mobile Vaccination Team can come to your organization or facility to give vaccines. Pop-up events can be established at most locations for a walk-up style clinic.

Schedule a Mobile Vaccination Clinic or Pop-Up Clinic today by contacting Liz Smith by email at e.smith@islandcountywa.gov or by phone at 360-320-5000. Watch our [webpage](#) for more dates to be added!

Governor Jay Inslee / Washington State Department of Health Update

Effective 12:01 AM on June 30, all industry sectors previously covered by guidance in the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery or the Safe Start Reopening Plan may return to usual capacity and operations, with limited exceptions for [large indoor events](#) (any event with more than 10,000 simultaneous participants in an indoor, enclosed space.)

Reopening guidance:

- Vaccine verification/negative testing: Recommended but not required for large indoor and outdoor events
- Capacity limitations: No restrictions in restaurants, bars, stores, businesses, theaters etc. (except large indoor events)
- Physical distancing: No requirements
- Facial coverings: Not required for **vaccinated** individuals, unless required by individual business
- Travelers: Follow [CDC recommendations](#)

*Some exceptions will include schools and childcare centers that will continue to have some facial coverings and physical distancing requirements.

Requirements for places of employment issued by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries have been updated [here](#).

Read the article from which this information came from [here](#).

Masking Update

The Secretary of Health's [mask order](#) will remain in place **even after June 30**, which means that people who are not fully vaccinated need to continue to wear a face mask in public indoor settings even when things start to go back to normal as the state reaches a reopening milestone.

The settings in which all people, including people who are fully vaccinated, are required to wear masks include:

- child care facilities, camps, K-12 schools, and other youth settings where children are present or expected to be present;

- health care settings, in accordance with CDC health care infection prevention and control recommendations;
- correctional facilities in areas where incarcerated individuals are present or expected to be present;
- homeless shelters in areas where individuals being served are present or expected to be present;
- public transportation and transportation hubs, including airports, bus or ferry terminals, train and subway stations

In most other settings, people who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

Businesses and local authorities can set their own more protective mask requirements, even though some state restrictions are being lifted. That's why the DOH message around masking is "Respect the rules of the room you're in," since those rules may change depending on where you are. Guidance for employers is available on the

Washington State Department of [Labor & Industries website](#).

Read the article from which this information came from [here](#).

Is it clear who must wear masks when entering your establishment? Many customers have difficulty discerning the protocols to follow without a sign on the door, letting them know. We have flyers [here](#) that you can print out to clear up the confusion. They are available in both English and Spanish.

Vaccine Information

- Many providers have open appointments with walk-ins available.
- Johnson & Johnson is a one-shot vaccine.
- Pfizer and Moderna are a two-shot series, make sure your second dose is completed.
- Pfizer is currently approved for those 12 and older. If you are a young adult, search for Pfizer on the [vaccine locator](#).

Are you or someone you know experiencing vaccine hesitancy? The Washington State Department of Health is a great resource for addressing vaccine hesitancy. Visit the Washington State Department of Health's [resource page](#) about "Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy" for more details.

Island County Public Health

Island County is participating in the distribution of Everlywell COVID test kits. This is a free resource to the public. To be eligible, individuals must be Island County residents that are having a hard time locating COVID-19 testing (this includes timely access). The Everlywell test kits can only be picked up at our Camano and Coupeville offices. Please call the COVID-19 Call Center at 360-678-2301 to have the qualifying survey completed, or complete the survey here: [Cognito Forms](#). Once the survey is completed, there will be a follow-up call to ensure eligibility, and then a pick-up location for the test kit will be chosen.

The Island County Public Health COVID-19 webpage is an excellent resource with links for specific guidance updates. Click [here](#) to find the resources you need.

Thank You

Island County Public Health would like to continue to thank our community. This has impacted us all over the past year and we have come together as a community. #IslandCountyProud moving forward, together!

More Information

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page, or email us at PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov. If you would like to speak to someone directly about COVID-19, the

COVID Call Center can be reached at **360-678-2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. We also offer our COVID-19 Information Line: **360-678-5111** ext. **6000**. This is a pre-recorded message in English and Spanish for community members to call for general information about COVID-19.

The [WA DOH COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) remains the most up-to-date source of information regarding the safety, phasing and availability of COVID-19 vaccine in Washington, as well as the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

After this edition, Community Guidance will be sent out via GovDelivery using a COVID-19 specific distribution list. To continue receiving Community Guidance, sign up by visiting Island County's webpage at <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx>. Scroll to the bottom of the page to "Sign up for email updates" and enter your email address.