



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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## ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance

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For schools 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

At the time of this writing, a case rate of 89.60 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of April 29, 2021-May 12, 2021. Island County has 1,719 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 30 deaths.

### Update from Department of Health (DOH)

Newest numbers: DOH reported a total of 384,929 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on May 10th. There have been 5,593 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 now included on the DOH dashboards, as well as specific reports.

Today, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released [guidance for the 2021 summer school session and 2021-2022 school year](#). Under the updated guidance, schools must plan to provide full time in-person education for all interested students for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Vaccine status

Many providers have open and unfilled appointments each day. The vaccine supply is strong and steady, so get your vaccine appointment today. Friendly reminder, Pfizer and Moderna are a two-shot series, please make sure your second dose is scheduled. Johnson & Johnson is a one-shot vaccine. Pfizer is currently approved for those 12 and older. If you are a young adult search for Pfizer on the [vaccine locator](#).

### Mobile vaccination team events

Island County continues to provide mobile vaccinations events. These events are open to the public, first come, first served. Must be 18 years or older. No ID required. Questions? Call 360-320-5000. The new locations are listed below:

May 14th – Langley Street Fair 11:30am-4:00pm  
May 20th – Senior Thrift Freeland 1:00pm-3:00pm  
May 27th – Senior Thrift Freeland 1:00pm-3:00pm

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
<b>81,745</b>
Last updated: 5/8/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

### The Vaccine Action Command and Coordination System (VACCS) Center

The Vaccine Action Command and Coordination System (VACCS) Center has partnered with Lyft, Uber, United Way Worldwide, Washington 211 and Sea Mar Community Health Centers to provide access to free and discounted rides to vaccine appointments for people with transportation challenges. These partnerships mean that starting May 10<sup>th</sup>, people who face transportation barriers and need a ride to get a vaccine can call the state COVID-19 information hotline at 833-VAX-HELP and a hotline specialist will assist in coordinating the rides. Please visit the [Washington State Coronavirus Response](#) website for the complete article.

### Pfizer Update

Everyone 12 and older now eligible for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to everyone 12 and older following recommendations that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is safe and extremely effective for 12 to 15-year-olds. Monday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted an emergency use authorization (EUA) amendment to expand the Pfizer vaccine to people 12 years and older. Tonight, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup voted to recommend the vaccine for immediate use. Please visit the DOH press release [here](#).

### Thank You

Island County Public Health would like to thank our community partners, volunteers, providers, vaccination teams, and people assisting the community with information and obtaining appointments. Please remember that everyone is doing their best and continue to be patient through this process.

Do you or someone you know have a COVID-19 story they wish to share with us for Facebook and this publication? If so, email us at [h.jones@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:h.jones@islandcountywa.gov).

### 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](mailto:PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov). If you would like to speak to someone directly about COVID-19, the Island County call center can be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. We also offer our COVID Information line: **360.678.5111 ext. 6000**. This is a 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's Vaccine website](#).