



ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance

May 20, 2021

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

A case rate of 84.82 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of May 7, 2021 to May 20, 2021. Island County has 1,748 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 31 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 391,925 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on May 18th. There have been 5,673 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 specific reports.

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
87,043
Last updated: 5/17/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

Vaccine status

Many providers have open appointments each day. The vaccine supply is strong and steady, so get your vaccine appointment today.

Johnson & Johnson is a one-shot vaccine. Pfizer and Moderna are a two-shot series, make sure your second dose is completed. It is okay to get a vaccine from a different location, however, when scheduling a second vaccine at a different location, you need to make sure the vaccine is the same type of vaccine that you got before. For example, if you got a Moderna vaccine while on vacation in Leavenworth, make sure you search for providers who carry

Moderna when you get your second dose at home. You need to get your second dose of the 2-dose vaccines for them to be completely effective.
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, no appointment necessary. Must be 18 years or older. No ID required. Questions? Call (360) 320-5000. Watch our webpage for more dates to be added! The current locations are:

May 20th Senior Thrift, Freeland 1:00pm to 3:00pm

May 27th Senior Thrift, Freeland 1:00pm to 3:00pm

May 28th Solid Stone Boxing, Clinton 1:00pm to 4:00pm

June 7th Island Athletic, Freeland (boosters) limited prime available 9:00 to 11:00am

June 8th Best Western, Oak Harbor (boosters) limited prime available 4:00 to 6:00pm

June 11th Langley Street Fair, Langley 11:30am to 4:00pm

Island County Public Health Update

Island County Public Health is participating in the distribution of Everlywell test kits. These test kits were ordered and are ready for distribution. 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 only at our Camano and Coupeville offices. Please call the COVID 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.

Washington State Department of Health (DOH)

On May 18th, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) announced that all Washington counties have moved into Phase 3 of Governor Jay Inslee's Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery plan. This includes Cowlitz, Ferry, Pierce, and Whitman counties which were previously in Phase 2. As the governor [announced last week](#), the state is also moving toward June 30 as the date Washington will fully reopen. The full reopening could happen earlier if 70% or more of Washingtonians over the age of 16 initiate vaccination. The decision to move all counties to Phase 3 and announce the tentative reopening plans comes amid declining COVID-19 case counts and a push to increase vaccination rates. For the Full media release please visit the DOH [website](#).

MyIRmobile

[MyIRmobile.com](#) was launched Friday May 14th. This is online proof of vaccination other than the vaccine card. If you aren't already a previous member of MyIR then you must go to [wa.MyIR.net](#) to register for mobile version. This is also a resource for lost vaccination cards.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

On May 15th the CDC updated the following recommendations applying to non-healthcare settings. For related information for healthcare settings, visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#). Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Also fully vaccinated people can refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter. Visit the CDC [webpage](#) for the most recent guidance.

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.

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 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](#).