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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 135.58 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of April 22nd, 2021-May 5th, 2021. Island County has 1,697 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 30 deaths.

Update from Department of Health (DOH)

A DOH report that looks at rates of COVID-19 illness and death by race, ethnicity and language spoken can be found [here](#). Newest numbers: DOH reported a total of 378,225 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on May 3rd. There have been 5,528 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](#).

Vaccine Status

Island County continues to get a steady supply of vaccines and this is expected to continue.

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
77,852
Last updated: 5/1/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

Governor Jay Inslee Update

On May 4th, the governor provided an update on the state's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, announcing a two-week pause on movement in the [Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery](#) reopening plan. Under the pause, every county will remain in its [current phase](#). At the end of two weeks, each county will be re-evaluated. To watch the press conference click [here](#), to read the full news release click [here](#).

On May 3rd Governor Jay Inslee announced updates to spectator events and religious organization guidance. This allows facilities to increase capacity by adding sections for vaccinated attendees. For more information, visit [Governor Jay Inslee's website](#).

Washington State Department of Commerce Update

Nonprofit Community Relief grant application portal opens May 10 for eligible Washington state organizations OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Washington State Department of Commerce is partnering with ArtsFund to provide over \$10 million in grants to help community organizations across the state that have been impacted by the pandemic. The Nonprofit Community Relief grant program focuses on arts, culture, science and heritage nonprofits, as well as organizations whose primary mission is to serve veterans, neighborhood organizations and sports and recreation programs for adults and/or children. To read the full article, visit the [Washington State Department of Commerce webpage](#).

Island County BIPOC COVID Vaccination clinic

In partnership with Island Drug, Island County is offering a BIPOC COVID Vaccination clinic Thursday May 6th, 2021 from 9am to 11am. This Clinic will be at the Island Drug in Oak Harbor. Island County is committed to equity, we want to make sure that the communities most impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic have the opportunity to be vaccinated. This inclusive vaccine clinic welcomes anyone who identifies as a person of color and their households at no cost.

Island County Update

Island County is working on a Community Connections campaign. This involves highlighting stories of people helping others getting the vaccine, individuals and families who have received the vaccine, why they chose to get the vaccine, and how their experience went. We are also going to be highlighting a commerce aspect as well. We will be contacting local businesses & organizations on Whidbey and Camano Islands. The goal is to highlight success stories from the community. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please email us at PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov.

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](#).