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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance June 30, 2020

Island County Public Health wants to make sure that the citizens of Island County have access to reliable guidance surrounding COVID-19. We will be updating our guidance to the community weekly and hope that you use this to help inform and empower yourself and our community.

Phase Three Key Messages

Island County is currently in Phase 3 of the Governor's [Safe Start](#) Reopening plan. Informative resources are available to help us navigate how we go about our daily lives and what we might expect for the future.

- Due to increasing COVID-19 activity across the state, Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Weisman have [placed a pause](#) on counties moving into Phase 4 of the Safe Start plan.
- Partners at [WhidbeyHealth](#) maintain that all clinics, including the new walk-in clinic in Clinton, Emergency Department and outpatient laboratory offer COVID-19 testing to patients with a provider order. [Island Hospital](#) and [Skagit County Public Health](#) also offer COVID-19 testing, with drive-thru rapid testing held at Skagit Valley College.
- As businesses and activities continue to reopen, updated guidance will be available on Governor Inslee's [COVID-19 Reopening Guidance webpage](#).
- Continue to do your part by limiting group gatherings, staying six-feet away from others, staying home if you are sick, washing your hands often, and wearing a cloth face covering when you are out in public.

Mandatory Face Covering Order

A statewide mandatory [facial covering order](#) is currently in effect. This requirement applies to both indoor and outdoor activities taking place in public spaces, with certain exceptions.

- Cloth face coverings act as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people, thereby [reducing the risk of COVID-19 spread](#).
- By wearing a cloth facial covering, [we help](#) protect our fellow community members and support the reopening of schools, businesses, and other activities.
- The order allows for specific exemptions, including but not limited to:
 - Individuals with certain medical conditions and children under the age of two, who should not wear a face covering,

- Individuals eating or drinking at a restaurant,
- Individuals communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing; and
- Individuals outdoors in public areas provided that a distance of six feet be maintained from people who are not members of their household.

Support Your Community through Daily Actions

Do your part to care for our community by incorporating safety measures into your plans and by demonstrating compassion with others.

- Stay informed. Before traveling, research destinations to assess COVID-19 exposure risk.
 - Review the [Phase and Risk Assessment Dashboard](#) and avoid traveling, especially to counties in Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the Safe Start Plan.
 - Refer to the [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) for updated information related to confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, outbreaks, and more.
 - According to the most recent WA Department of Health (DOH) [statewide situation report](#), increasing COVID-19 spread is taking place throughout Washington State, as of mid-June. In King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, the percentage of the population with COVID-19 is increasing
- Outdoor activities are often lower-risk than indoor ones. Going camping or replacing an indoor dinner party with a small backyard barbeque can help to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- Practice patience and compassion by finding intentional ways to be kind to others, spreading reliable information, and following physical distancing and masking guidance.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.

Public can contact the Island County call center at **360.678.2301**.

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm