



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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## ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance February 4, 2021

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 bi-weekly in hopes that you use this to help inform and empower yourself and our community.

### **Numbers and data**

At the time of this writing, Island County has 1,178 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 22 deaths. At this time, antigen test results are not included in the confirmed case count, but they are tracked locally. A case rate of 94.32 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of 1/21/21-2/3/21.

DOH also recently released a [new report](#) that looks at rates of COVID-19 illness and death by race, ethnicity and language spoken.

### **Roadmap to recovery**

Effective Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> two regions moved to Phase 2. Island County is in the North region, which did not move to Phase 2. In order to change/stay in phases they must meet 3 out of the 4 criteria listed on the [Roadmap to Recovery](#). All regions metrics will be evaluated every two weeks instead of every week.

### **Vaccines**

Effective February 1, vaccine providers will be matching the number of appointments available to the number of vaccines received at each site. This will fluctuate weekly. If you have previously scheduled an appointment, please review the information carefully from the provider you had scheduled with. It is suggested that you refrain from calling them at this time as staff is trying to accommodate this scheduling change.

Our providers on Whidbey Island, Whidbey Health and Island Drug are available to schedule through [PhaseFinder](#). On Camano, we have Camano Island Fire & Rescue providing vaccines. When updates become available it will be posted on the Island County website. Please remember not to call these sites as they are inundated with calls.

The Department of Homeland Security sent out the following: DHS and its Federal government partners fully support equal access to the COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine distribution sites for undocumented immigrants. It is a moral and public health imperative to ensure that all individuals residing in the United States have access to the vaccine. DHS encourages all individuals, regardless of immigration status, to receive the COVID-19 vaccine once eligible under local distribution guidelines. To see the full article [\(click here\)](#).

## **Schools**

There is new guidance for private and public schools in regards to re-opening. This guidance provides feasible actions schools can take to reduce risks to student and staff from COVID-19 and allow schools to resume in-person instruction. For more information: [\(click here\)](#).

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](#).

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page. The Island County call center may be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.