



ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Administration

PO Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239
P: 360.679.7350 F: 360.679.7390

ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance

March 11, 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

At the time of this writing, a case rate of 114.36 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of February 21st, 2021-March 6th, 2021. Island County has 1,406 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 27 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: The Department of Health (DOH) reported a total of 327,000 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on March 9th. There have been 5,100 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](#).

Island County is ensuring DEI compliancy in their messaging and community outreach programs

What is DEI? DEI stands for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

All communities have diversity. Whether it be race, religious preferences, economic status, sexual orientation, age, gender or people with disabilities, the goal is to be able to get COVID-19 information to all Island County residents. Especially now that a vaccine is being administered throughout the community, timely information is so important.

Island County prides themselves on working diligently to get the message out to all of their community members by way of flyers (in both English and Spanish), 24/7 recorded information line, social media posts and videos of staff and community members, and a call center that is here to answer your questions, or to hear your concerns Monday through Friday until 4:30 pm. This list is just to name a few of the ways information is getting out to the community, and staff continues to learn new ways of communicating to each diverse group within the community.

It is also important to have inclusion, to include partners, business owners, community leaders, and the community themselves to assist with distributing COVID-19 information, and to not feel left out of the process. Need more information? Contact us at PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov.

Vaccine Status

This week, Island County received all the vaccines that were requested from their suppliers. In addition to the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine, Island County has received and distributed the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. We are encouraging educators and childcare workers to get their vaccines from a pharmacy with federal supply. These

pharmacies prioritize vaccinating all school staff and childcare workers. For detailed information about the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination click [here](#). Let's continue to be respectful of other's vaccination needs; by being courteous and promptly cancel if you are unable to show up for your vaccine appointment.

Variant Status

At a glance (data through March 10, 2021)

- 99 cases of B.1.1.7 variant have been detected in Washington residents.
- 1 case of P.1 variant has been detected in Washington residents.
- 5 cases of B.1.351 variant have been detected in Washington residents.

Variants of concern by county of residence

County	B.1.1.7	B.1.351	P.1
Benton	1	0	0
Clark	3	0	0
Grays Harbor	1	0	0
Island	3	0	0
King	68	5	1
Pierce	6	0	0
Skagit	1	0	0
Snohomish	2	0	0
Whatcom	14	0	0

Schools

Additional guidance from OSPI and DCYF on eligibility likely coming on Monday – removed phrase “licensed” from eligibility language as an equity consideration. Please go to vaccinefinder.org as a starting point for scheduling your vaccine.

Interested in receiving more information on vaccines or general information for Covid-19 precautions? Flyers for distribution are being created and are available in multiple languages. Please contact us at PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov to request flyers for your location.

If you address an audience, please share COVID information from our website, these guidance's, Facebook or request a flyer. The more people that we can connect with and inform, the better

Feature Story

Ricardo is an Island County volunteer and a retired, disabled Veteran who has proudly received both vaccines. At first, he had doubts about receiving the vaccine. He wanted more information and reassurance if there was any. He spoke with some friends who researched his concerns. They talked about the safety measures within the composition of the vaccine. Ricardo also appreciated learning when the vaccine is available, his researcher friends are also getting the vaccine.

What was Ricardo's final deciding factor? With a chuckle he states that "being in the military and through three wars, I wasn't given an option and was poked with many vaccines. I figured, what the heck." Ricardo also goes on to talk about how he hopes that if he still gets sick after the vaccine that "it will be less severe."

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 everyone is doing their best, please continue to be patient through this.

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 [Facebook](#) page. If you would like to speak to someone about COVID-19 the Island County call center may be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:30am 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.