



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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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 136.76 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of February 28th, 2021-March13th, 2021. Island County has 1,446 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 28 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 330,367 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on March 15th. There have been 5,149 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](#).

### Governor Islee's Update

Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, we move into 1B tier 2. All critical workers in certain congregate settings (change: no longer tiered by age; list of qualifying congregate settings has been expanded). Congregate setting refers to an environment where individuals work and/or live in an enclosed space where they are interacting with a high volume of people (for example, supermarkets) over extended time and not able to consistently social distance (i.e., be more than 6 feet apart).

The list of high risk critical workers includes: Agriculture, food processing; grocery stores; corrections, jails and prisons; public transit; fire and law enforcement; people age 16 or older who are pregnant (new qualification); and people age 16 or older who have a disability that puts them at higher risk (change: moved up from a later tier).

The state's current list of critical workers in a congregate setting can be found [here](#).


### Metrics

Effective March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Washington State will enter Phase 3 of the "Healthy Washington-Roadmap to Recovery." Under the updated plan, counties will be individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations will occur on Mondays with any possible changes taking effect Friday, with the first evaluation scheduled for April 12. In addition to being individually evaluated, large and small counties will have different sets of criteria. If any county fails one or more of the metrics below, that county will move down one Phase in the Healthy Washington plan. For detailed

information click [here](#). Now that we are moving forward, we need to stay diligent about the 3 W's: Wash your hands, wear a mask, watch your distance. In addition, if you fall in the 1B tier 2 vaccine or 1B tier 1, please sign up for a vaccination. Check your eligibility [here](#).

COUNTY SIZE	INDICATOR	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
Larger County	New cases per 100,000 population per 14 days	> 350	350 - 200	< 200
	New COVID hospitalizations per 100,000 population per 7 days	≥ 10	9.9 - 5	< 5
Smaller County (< 50k people)	New COVID cases over 14 days	≥ 60	59 - 30	< 30
	New COVID hospitalizations over 7 days	> 5	4.9 - 3	< 3

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### Vaccine Status

Island County continues to receive all the vaccines that were requested for their providers. State and federal supply chains are good. As of this Monday Island county providers still had available appointments. Providers, like Island Drug, are prioritizing seniors by providing walk in hours for those 65 and older.

### Schools

For schools please see [this updated information](#).

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](mailto:PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov) to request flyers for your location.

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

## 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, and 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.