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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.

### \*Amendment

Last week's numbers stated antigen test results were not included in the confirmed case count, when in fact they were.

### Numbers and data

At the time of this writing, Island County has 1,328 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 27 deaths. A case rate of 48.34 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of 2/14/21-2/27/21.

### 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 322,487 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on March. 1. There have been 4,988 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 Inslee Update

On Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Governor Jay Inslee issued a statement regarding educators and licensed childcare workers putting them in Washington's Phase 1B-1 immediately. To read the full statement click [here](#).

### Update from CDC

Updated Feb. 26, 2021 [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#)

### Vaccine Status

Island County has been seeing an increased supply of vaccines. This is great news as providers strive to complete vaccinations. As a reminder, to be respectful of the vaccination needs, please be courteous and promptly cancel if you are unable to show up for your vaccine appointment. Appointments are in high demand and your early cancellation will give another person the possibility to have access to timely vaccination.

### **Johnson & Johnson**

On February 27, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization for the third vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19, also known as Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. Click [here](#) for detailed information.

### **Bridge the Digital Divide**

Please take time to reach out to family members, neighbors, and friends to confirm they have access to COVID-19 and vaccine information. They may not have access to the internet or need assistance with checking websites for updates, monitoring social media, or e-mailing providers. Let us work together to close the gap for our community, from a distance. [Here](#) is a link to Phase Finder information including multiple languages and paper copies.

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-19 information from our website, our community guidance's, 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.

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. 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.