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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance` April 15, 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 62.49 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of April 1st, 2021-April 14th, 2021. Island County has 1,534 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 29 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: DOH reported a total of 353,147 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on April 12th. There have been 5,340 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](#).

Vaccine Status

This week's allocation for vaccines has been steady and is expected to continue.

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
59,198
Last updated: 4/10/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

Update from Johnson and Johnson

Island County Public Health will be pausing use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and working closely with providers to keep them informed. Use of that vaccine will be put on hold until we receive further recommendations

from our federal partners about how best to move forward. Safety is the highest priority when it comes to all COVID-19 vaccines.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food & Drug Administration (FDA) have issued a joint statement regarding the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine. Currently the vaccine is on pause. Please see the full article [here](#).

Governor Inslee Update

Effective April 15th, all Washingtonians age 16 and up will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Ages 16 or 17 [may need consent from a parent or guardian](#) to get the vaccine, unless they are legally emancipated. To read the full article click [here](#).

If you need help finding a provider to get your COVID-19 vaccine, the state's [Vaccine Locator](#) website is a great resource. For specific information, visit the provider website for information and details that relates to their services. *Note: 16 & 17 year old people will need to seek providers who carry the Pfizer vaccine as this is the only vaccine approved for those ages.

Island County Public Health Website

The COVID and vaccine webpage on the Island County site will be undergoing revisions this weekend. Please be patient as some information may not be accessible as we make changes.

Feature Story

Suzanne has been volunteering for island County as vaccinator for a few months. When the chance came up in January to get her 2nd dose, she had no hesitation because she truly believes the science behind the vaccine. She felt that unless we as a country put out a large-scale effort to curb this virus quickly, we would have an unrelenting and preventable loss of human life. With her medical background she possesses a skill set that could help move us towards the goal of protecting our vulnerable communities. It is inconceivable to Suzanne that she not utilize her skills to make a difference.

Her family was hesitant at first about her volunteering because of potential exposure. After seeing what a seamless and protected vaccination process was in place, they are proud that their mother is making a difference.

Suzanne said she was lucky enough to vaccinate an 84-year-old man on the day of his birthday, and he told her it was the best birthday gift he ever received!

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 that everyone is doing their best and continue to be patient through this process.

Do you or someone you know have a COVID-19 story they wish to share with us for Facebook and this publication? If so, email us at h.jones@islandcountywa.gov.

More Information

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page, or email us at PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov. If you would like to speak to someone directly 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.

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](#).