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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 42.44 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of March 25th, 2021-April 7th, 2021. Island County has 1,500 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 346,420 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on April 4th. There have been 5,299 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 is reported as a good supply with higher amounts of Johnson and Johnson doses being ordered and received.

We continue to be in vaccine phase 1B Tier 3 & 4. This means people 16 years or older with 2 or more comorbidities or underlying conditions, all people 60 years and older and more are eligible for a vaccine. For a complete list of vaccine phase information, click [here](#).

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
52,101
Last updated: 4/3/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

Inslee Update

Everyone 16 years and older who wants a COVID-19 vaccine will be eligible starting April 15. Currently Pfizer is the only COVID-19 vaccine authorized for people 16 years of age and older. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are authorized for people 18 and older. Those age 16 or 17 [may need consent from a parent or guardian](#) to get the vaccine, unless they are legally emancipated. For more detailed information 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 particular information and details that relates to their services.

FEMA Update

FEMA announced it will begin accepting COVID-19 Funeral Assistance applications on Monday, April 12, 2021. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Detailed information can be found [here](#).

Feature Story – Wendy

Wendy is a retired physical therapist who jumped at the chance to assist the medical community. She volunteered as a greeter at a vaccination site in Island County since early December.

Wendy never had a second thought about getting the vaccine as soon as she became eligible. Both shots were painless for her and other than soreness in her shoulder for a few days there were no side effects.

Wendy is thankful to be part of the process to help the hospital get as many vaccines given as possible.

As a physical therapist, she was always helping, whether it was treating a patient, educating clinical staff, or making sure rehab services provided were reasonable and appropriate.

Bridge the Digital Divide

Now more than ever, 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. As the tiers open up and vaccine supply is healthy, getting a vaccine appointment needs to be the priority. Let us work together to close the gap for our community, from a distance.

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 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.

If you address an audience, please share COVID information from our website, these guidance's, our [Facebook](#), email us at PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov or request a flyer. The more people that we can connect with and inform, the better.

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.