



COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

COVID-19 Data Edition 1.21.21

Island County Public Health publicly releases comprehensive COVID-19 guidance on a bi-weekly basis, with supplemental data editions provided as appropriate. We hope that you use this to help inform and empower yourself and our community.

COVID-19 Case Data Comparison

Location	1.13.21 Positive Count	1.20.21 Positive Count
Camano Island	248	253
Clinton	37	38
Coupeville	149	158
Freeland	40	43
Greenbank	≤ 5	≤ 5
Langley	25	29
Oak Harbor	543	579
Total	1046	1104

Fifty-eight additional COVID-19 cases were reported in Island County between 1-13-21 and 1-20-21. During this time period we began adding antigen tests/cases to the count. The case rate is 165.06 per 100,000 cases was calculated for the time period of 1-3-21 to 1-16-21.

Island County, as part of the North region, is currently in Phase 1 of the Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan.

Currently case rates are increasing across the state, and we have to remember the 3 W's—wash you hands, wear your mask, watch your distance! Vaccination is important, but it will not reduce community transmission at this time.

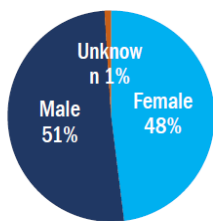
The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) will now [text a verification code](#) to every person in Washington state who tests positive for COVID-19. The goal is to help WA Notify exposure notification users alert fellow users faster if they've been exposed.

Note: See the ICPH COVID-19 webpage for death data

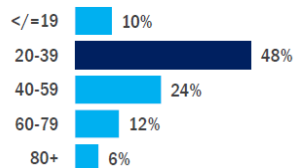
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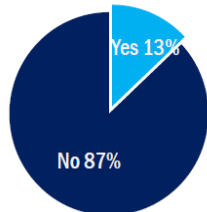
Sex at birth was majority male.



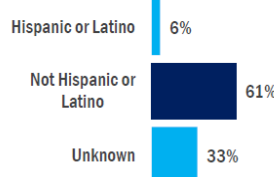
20-39 year olds were the largest age group.



13% were associated with outbreak events



Hispanic or Latino represent only 8% of the Island County population.



Location	Number	Percentage
Camano Island	68	27%
Clinton	12	5%
Coupeville	22	9%
Freeland	6	2%
Greenbank	<=5	0%
Langley	<=5	1%
Oak Harbor	139	55%

Compared to data from November, in December, the number of new lab confirmed COVID-19 cases has again increased by only 3%. For the month of December 2020, COVID-19 demographic trends remained similar to those from November, with higher incidence: among 20-39 year olds, in Oak Harbor. Ethnicity reporting included a decrease in those self-identifying as Hispanic/Latino and an increase in the "Unknown" category, indicating an overall decrease in responses to the ethnicity question.

In December, the CDC released updated quarantine guidance reducing the requirement from 14 to 10 days, and in some instances seven days. WA State DOH and ICPH encourage a full 14 day quarantine period. Current CDC research suggests that a shorter quarantine after exposure to COVID-19 might be easier to adhere to but poses some risk for onward transmission. "Persons released from quarantine before 14 days should continue to avoid close contact and wear masks when around others until 14 days after their last exposure."

In December WA State DOH began reporting COVID-19 cases with a positive antigen test. Beginning in 2021, ICPH will begin reporting probable cases, cases with a positive antigen test, in case, hospitalization, and death counts. Antigen tests have a lower sensitivity and a higher specificity among symptomatic people. Since June 2020, 18 Island County residents have received a positive antigen test result.

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page. The Island County call center may be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.