

COVID-19 Council Update

April 13, 2021

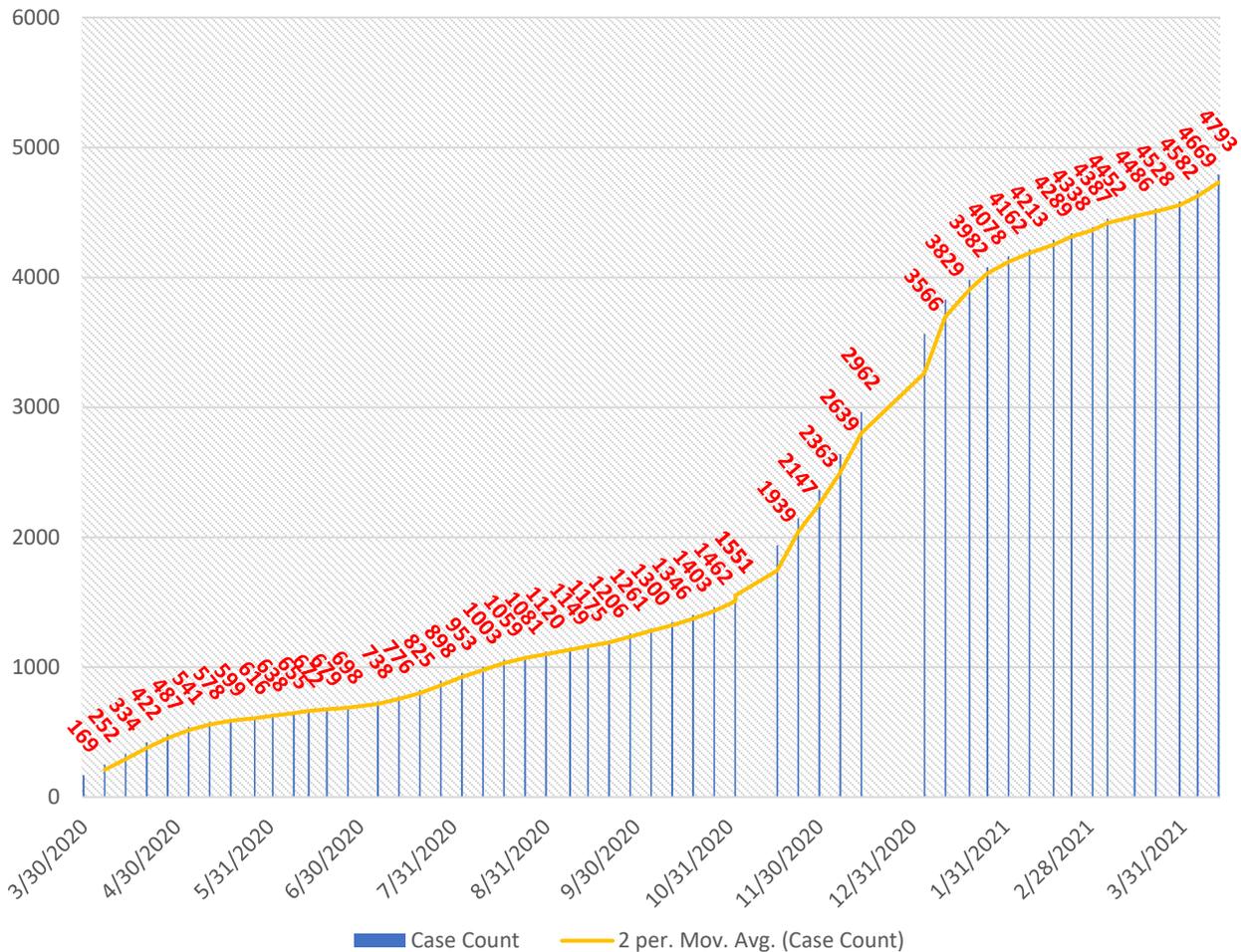
Current Statistics as of 4/12/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 34,115 Confirmed/Probable cases (+843 cases from 4/5)
 - 565 Deaths
 - 2,088 Hospitalizations
 - 31 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 4 patients requiring ventilators

- **Washington State** – 377,952 Confirmed - Probable Cases (+7,935 cases from 4/5)
 - 5,329 Deaths statewide (+44 cases from 4/5)
 - 21,057 Hospitalizations
 - 1.4% of Deaths/Total Cases

- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,793 Cases (+124 from 4/5) – 4,436 recovered
 - 72 Deaths

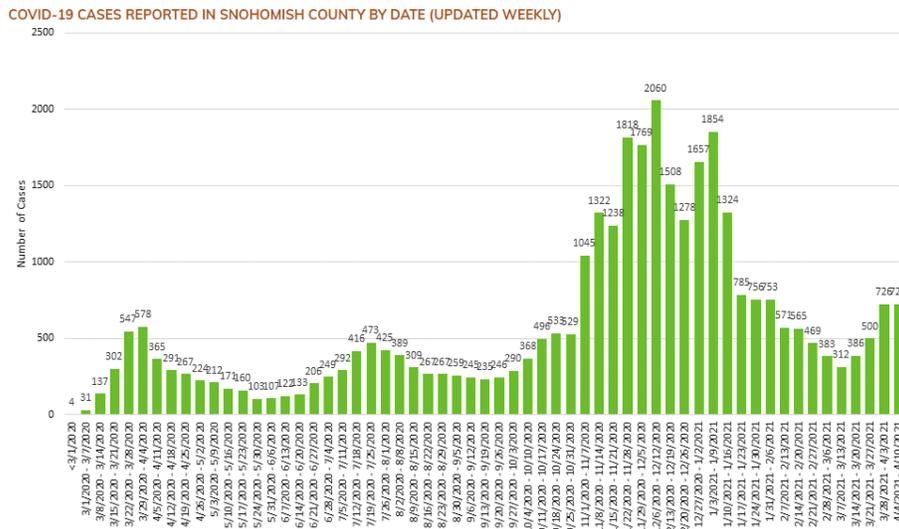
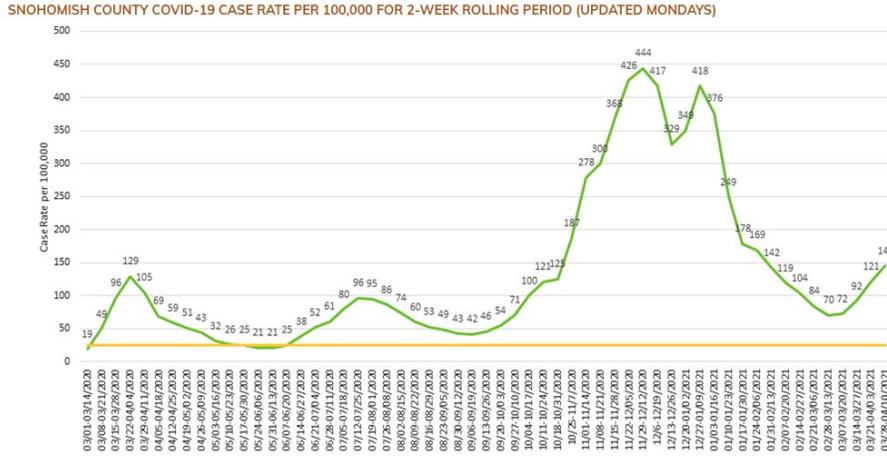
Lynnwood Trending



*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** Case rates continue to rise, and we remain at risk for rollback to Phase 2. Gatherings are largely responsible for the current uptick in infections. We are currently at 145 cases per 100,000 for the 2-week rolling period.



- Snohomish County Remains in Phase 3 as Governor Rolls Back Three Counties to Phase 2:** Snohomish County remained in Phase 3 on Monday as Gov. Jay Inslee announced the rollback of three counties that did not meet the Phase 3 Healthy Washington metrics for reopening activities. Pierce, Cowlitz and Whitman counties all failed to pass both of their COVID metrics, which track case rates and hospitalizations.

As the state's third most-populous county, Snohomish is eligible for Phase 3 as long as it keeps new COVID cases below 200 per 100,000 in a two-week period and hospitalizations below 5 per 100,000 across seven days.

The county's COVID case rate during the review period was 152.3 per 100,000 residents and the hospitalization rate was 3.1 per 100,000.

- **Social Gatherings are Leading Cause of Rising COVID-19 Cases:** For the third week in a row, Snohomish County's case rate has continued its climb in the wrong direction. The rolling two-week case rate now sits at 121 per 100,000 for the period ending April 6.

A review of recent cases and outbreaks finds that gatherings continue to be the leading contributor. These have included baby showers, camping trips, high school sports, and get togethers for church, in peoples' homes, and at restaurants and bars.

"I know people are wondering how cases are rising while vaccination rates are also rising. But as we've been sharing for weeks, we are very clearly not out of the woods yet," said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District. "These recent cases are largely in settings where people let their guard down around friends, family and coworkers."

With 38% of the population having initiated vaccination and 23% completed, Snohomish County simply hasn't reached a sufficient proportion of the population to interrupt the transmission of this very difficult to contain virus. A real slowing of COVID cases may not be seen until 80% or more of the population is fully vaccinated.

"We still have several months where we are relying on everyone to remain vigilant in wearing their masks," added Dr. Spitters. "There will soon come a day when this is all behind us. When we can enjoy hugs and parties and other favorite past-times. But today is not that day. Nor will it be tomorrow."

Until then, a plea with people to think twice about non-essential gatherings, and to keep those masks on and that 6' distance from people they don't live with. It's also important to have windows or doors open to increase ventilation. It's not forever. Just for now.

Please hold on longer so Snohomish County can get to the other side.

- **Johnson & Johnson vaccine put on hold by FDA/CDC:** Washington State Department of Health in accordance with a recommendation from the FDA and CDC have put on hold the administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine due to low incidents of side effects. The FDA and CDC are currently reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- **Snohomish County Vaccination Progress:** In a week's time, more than 50,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Snohomish County. We are now closing in on 1 in every 4 adults being fully vaccinated. #InItTogether #vaxupsnoco

Vaccination Progress

As of April 6, 2021

Total Doses Administered: **383,200**

Completed Vaccinations: **152,058**

Available Vaccine Administered:
(Through SnoCo and healthcare partners) **86%**

Percent of Snohomish County
Completely Vaccinated: **23%**

Based on Percentage of
Snohomish County Residents Aged 16+

www.snohd.org/covidvaccine or bit.ly/snocovaccine



Vaccine supply is improving but it isn't keeping pace with demand. Please be patient in the coming days and weeks.

Reminder: If you are currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, contact your primary care physician, clinic or pharmacy to schedule an appointment. Or to schedule an appointment at one of the community mass vaccination sites visit www.bit.ly/SnoCoHub or call the Snohomish Health District's COVID hotline at 425-339-5278.

- **Vaccine eligibility opens up on April 15:** All adults in Washington aged 16 and up will be eligible for vaccine starting April 15.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder:** The Washington State Department of health has launched a new website aimed at helping eligible residents find available COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Visit <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/>
- **Lynnwood Vaccine Event:** Last Thursday, the City of Lynnwood and South Snohomish County Fire, in concert with the Snohomish Health District and Verdant, hosting a small vaccination event at Northwest Church from 2-4p.m. We administered 150 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, primarily serving our older community members, and our underserved community members and those disproportionately affected by the virus. This was a great partnership event and we hope to be able to host additional clinics in the near future.
- **Snohomish Health District Testing Sites:** The schedule for the week of April 12:
 - Everett site located at 3715 Oakes Avenue – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Lynnwood Food Bank site at 5320 176th St SW – open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Evergreen State Fairgrounds in the front parking lot off of 179th Ave SE in Monroe – open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments for testing are encouraged, and registration is available at www.snohd.org/testing. Those without internet access or needing language assistance can reach the Health District's call center at 425.339.5278 to schedule a testing appointment. The call center is staffed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Callers after hours or on weekends can leave a message, which will be returned on the next business day.

- **FEMA to provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses:** The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is scheduled to begin accepting applications Monday for financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020. FEMA says it plans to use a dedicated call center, going live April 12.

The funding is available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

To be eligible for funeral assistance:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

See the funeral assistance FAQ for more information:

https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- **REMINDERS:**

Staying home is still the safest. If you do go out, keep it quick, keep your distance and wear a face covering. Recreate and do business locally to avoid spreading the virus across county lines. Limit the number of people outside of your household that you gather with every week. If you feel symptoms of COVID-19, get tested.

- Symptoms: Fever, Chills, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle pain or body aches, Headache, Sore throat, Runny nose or nasal congestion, or New loss of taste or smell.
 - Asymptomatic individuals: If you are a close contact of a confirmed case, or Live in a congregate setting, like a shelter, group home or assisted living facility, or Work in a location that has had a case, Part of a family or social network that has had a case, or Work in healthcare, EMS, law enforcement or other fields where work settings have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, or Are part of a racial or ethnic group that has been disproportionately impacted by this virus in terms of rate or severity of cases (this includes people who are Black, Latinx, Native American/Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander).
- **Extended Telecommuting:** The EOC Command Staff along with Mayor Smith have made the decision to extend employee telecommuting through July 31, 2021.
 - We are still awaiting details on the **American Rescue Plan** and exactly how, and what, funds will be provided to the state, county, local municipalities, our NGO partners, and other state and federal agencies. It will be important for us to ensure proper coordination of all funding mechanisms and how they are delivered to the intended recipients. As soon as that information is released, we will ensure it get shared with everyone.