

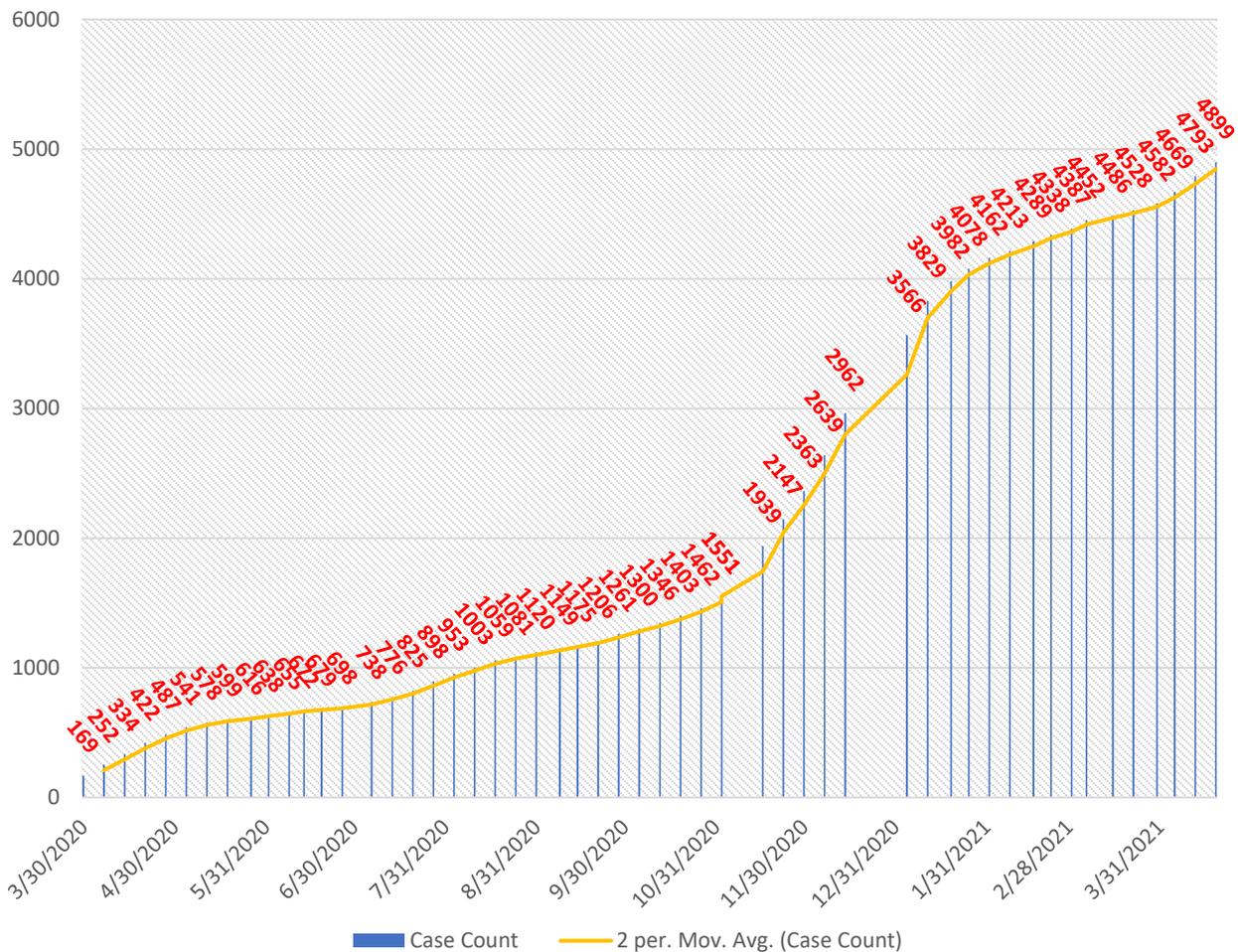
COVID-19 Council Update

April 20, 2021

Current Statistics as of 4/20/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 34,344 Confirmed/Probable cases (+947 cases from 4/13)
 - 569 Deaths
 - 2,123 Hospitalizations
 - 39 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 1 patient requiring a ventilator
- **Washington State** – 386,920 Confirmed - Probable Cases (+8,968 cases from 4/13)
 - 5,394 Deaths statewide (+65 cases from 4/13)
 - 21,493 Hospitalizations
 - 1.4% of Deaths/Total Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,899 Cases (+106 from 4/13) – 4,438 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:

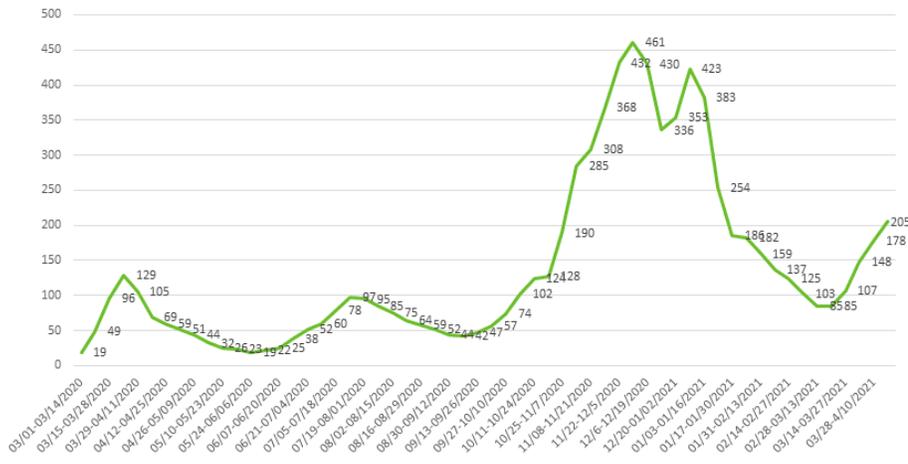
- COVID Case Update:** To better align with the state Department of Health's data dashboard, the Snohomish Health District has incorporated positive antigen results into case reporting.

Effective April 19, the weekly case count update now includes a bar chart with total positive cases for the week broken into molecular and antigen cases. The rolling 2-week case rate has also been updated to incorporate antigen cases going back in time. This recalibration has resulted in a slight increase in rolling 2-week case rates.

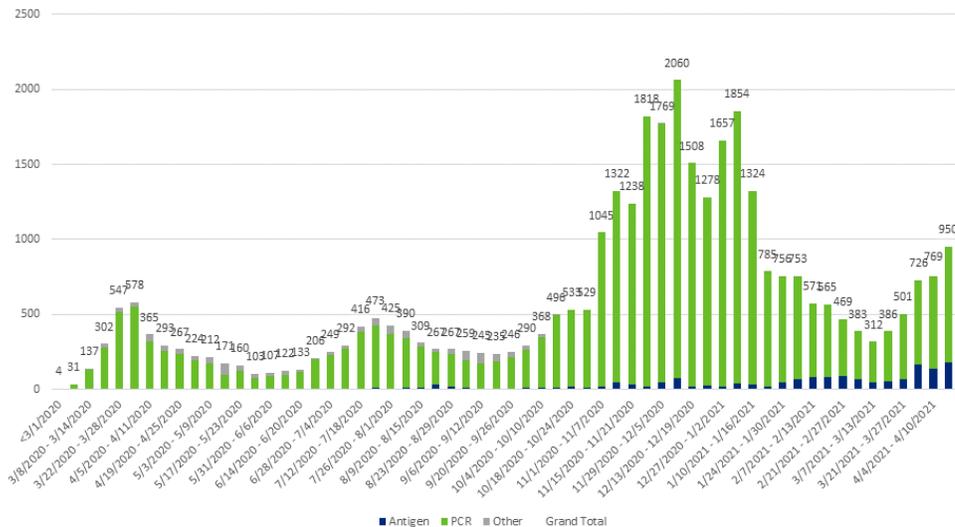
Antigen test results are still positive cases, but conducted through rapid tests rather than molecular testing done at laboratories. This addition of antigen-positive cases is not what's driving the observed increase in the rolling 2-week COVID rate. The overall increase in case rates is due to increased transmission. Only 18% of confirmed cases over the past month are antigen-positive cases.

Regardless of how you do the math, Snohomish County is still headed in the wrong direction in fighting COVID. Cases continue to climb and these data suggest that if we don't act quickly we will be over the 200 case limit when rates are again calculated to determine which phase the community will be in under the state's Roadmap to Recovery plan.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 CASE RATE PER 100,000 FOR 2-WEEK ROLLING PERIOD (UPDATED MONDAYS)



COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY BY DATE (UPDATED WEEKLY)



- **Inslee: 'Take it outside':** Gov. Jay Inslee on Thursday said that he wants people to “take it outside” in the weeks ahead as one strategy for defeating COVID-19. During an open air press conference outside the governor’s mansion, Inslee said that rising COVID case rates and hospitalizations point toward a fourth wave of infection.

The governor said one strategy to make transmission less likely is to meet with others outdoors when possible instead of in confined spaces.

That is in addition to wearing masks, maintaining distance and getting vaccinated.

Inslee noted that all adults in Washington 16 and up – roughly 6 million people – are now eligible for vaccination. Vaccine doses still lag far behind demand.

To date, about half of Washington adults have received at least one dose of vaccine, Inslee said. As of Thursday, 23% of adults in the state are fully vaccinated.

“Taking it outside, together with the vaccine, we think will be a knockout punch for this COVID,” he said.



- **Volunteers of America Western Washington Now Screening for Rental Assistance Grants:** Qualifying Snohomish County households will be able to receive up to 12 months of rent assistance. This application can be initiated by the household or the landlord. This program is intended to prevent evictions by paying rent and targeting limited recourses to people most likely to become holes after eviction. Minority groups who have disproportionately been impacted by COVID-19 are highly encouraged to apply. Tenants are encouraged to call 211 to complete an eligibility screening and begin the process.
- **Snohomish County Vaccination Progress:** It was another week of more than 50,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Snohomish County. The fully vaccinated population is now nearing that of Everett and Marysville, combined. #vaxupsnoco #InItTogether

Vaccination Progress

As of April 13, 2021

Total Doses Administered: **434,419**

Completed Vaccinations: **177,117**

Available Vaccine Administered:
(Through SnoCo and healthcare partners) **88%**

Percent of Snohomish County
Completely Vaccinated: **26%**

Based on Percentage of
Snohomish County Residents Aged 16+

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



All adults in Washington aged 16 and up are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Use the Vaccine Appointment Finder at <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/> 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 Taskforce opens seventh site with focus on transit as well as drive-thru access:** A new mass vaccination site is scheduled to open Wednesday, April 21, at the Ash Way Park & Ride in south Snohomish County. This is the seventh mass vaccination site in the county operated by the Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce. It is located at 16327 Ash Way, Lynnwood.

The site offers a combination of drive-thru and walk-up vaccination. Transit riders can take the bus to the location and will be directed to the walk-up vaccination station and waiting area. Anyone who arrives in a car will use the drive-thru vaccination station – the location is not designed for on-site parking for walk-up appointments.

The Ash Way site is set to be open Wednesday through Sunday with appointments from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., depending on vaccine availability. This will increase access for weekend appointments for vaccination.

The vaccine taskforce also is looking to adjust days and hours for other sites. Planning is underway to increase weekend availability, as well as coordination for potential evening vaccination clinics, as vaccine availability allows. While some weekend appointments have previously been available at multiple mass vaccination sites, the taskforce wants to ensure that access is expanded for those who cannot make it to appointments during weekdays.

- **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.

- **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.