

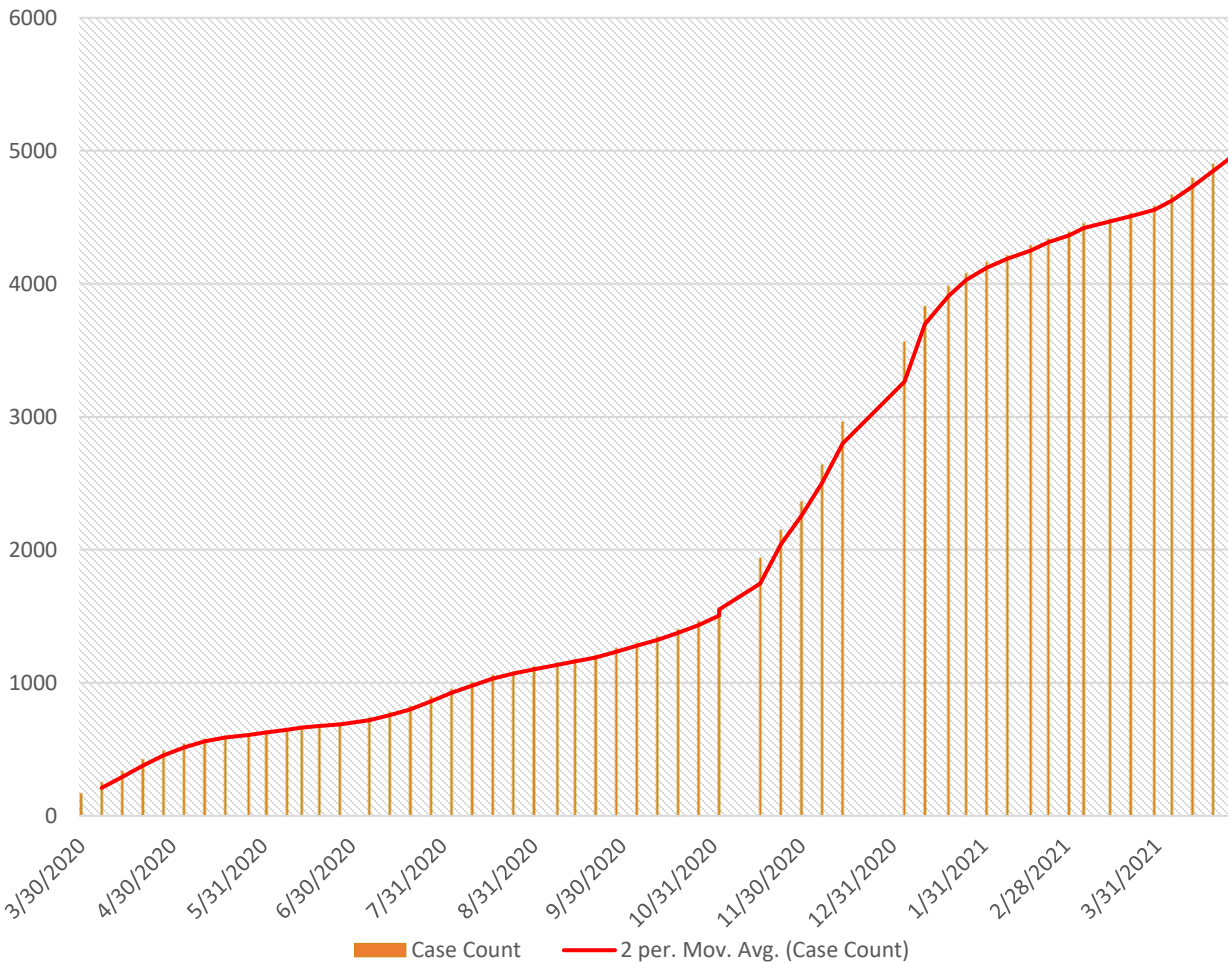
COVID-19 Council Update

April 27, 2021

Current Statistics as of 4/27/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 35,946 Confirmed/Probable cases (+1,602 cases from 4/20)
 - 568 Deaths
 - 2,195 Hospitalizations
 - 34 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19
- **Washington State** – 397,417 Confirmed - Probable Cases (+10,497 cases from 4/20)
 - 5,450 Deaths statewide (+56 cases from 4/20)
 - 21,950 Hospitalizations
 - 1.4% of Deaths/Total Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 5,031 Cases (+132 from 4/20) – 4,437 recovered
 - 73 Deaths

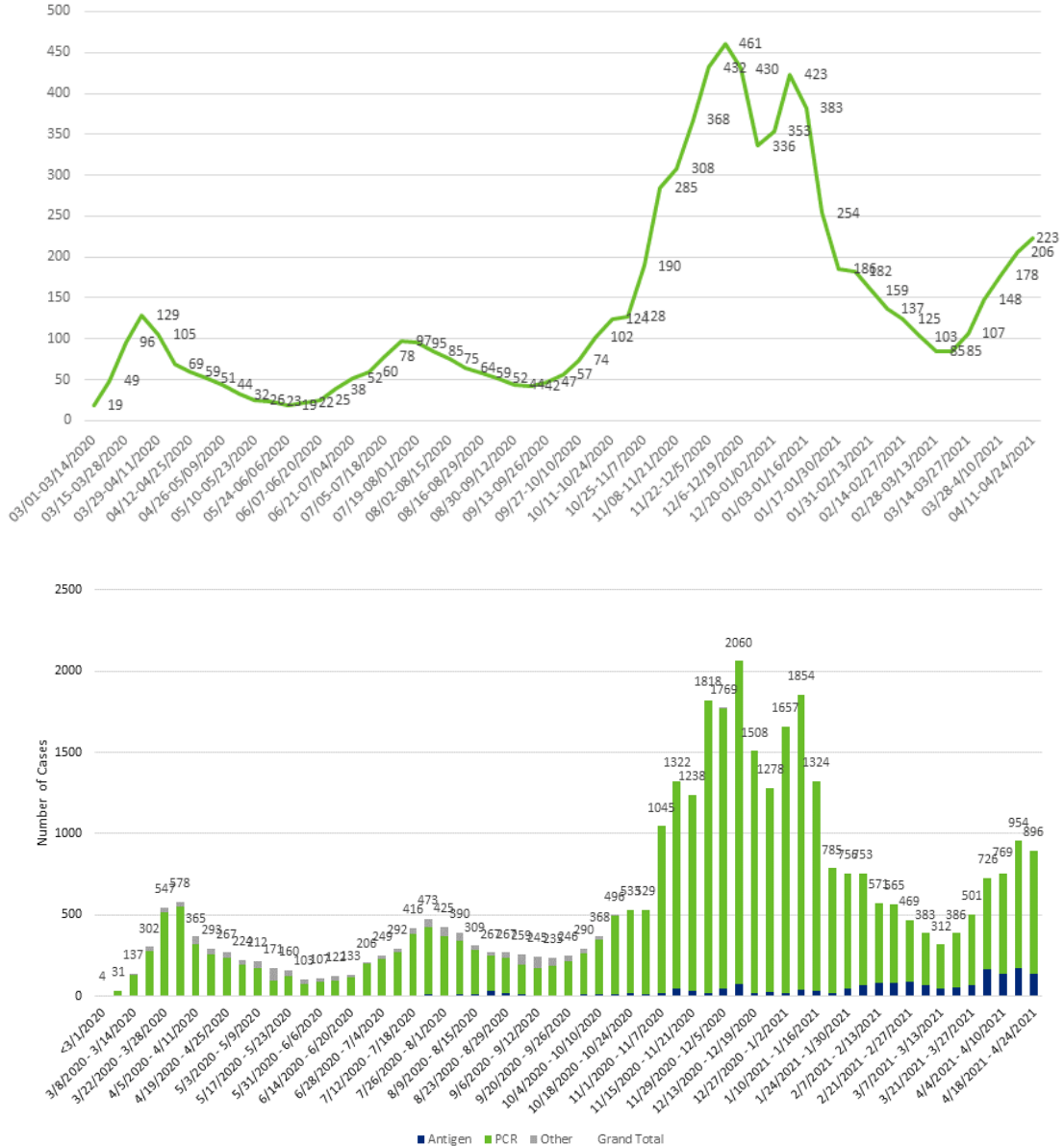
Lynnwood Trending



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

Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** COVID case rate now well over Phase 3 limit in Snohomish County. Concerns that we are in a fourth wave of COVID-19 infection are proving true. Case rates continue to rise in Snohomish County, and are now at levels last seen in January. This isn't the path that keeps us in Phase 3 under the state's Roadmap to Recover plan. For that, we need to be under 200 cases per 100,000.



- Roadmap to Recovery:** As a reminder, counties are individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations occur on Mondays with any phase changes taking effect on Friday. The next evaluation is scheduled for May 3rd.

Counties must meet at least one of the county-based metric thresholds in a given phase in order to remain in that phase. Counties that no longer meet both metrics will move back one phase. Counties that meet both county-based metrics of a higher-level phase can move forward one phase.

County Size	Indicator	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Larger County	New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per 14 days (currently over 200)	>350	200-350	<200
Larger County	New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per 7 days (PENDING)	>10	5-10	<5

- Snohomish County Vaccine Scheduling:** The Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce is working to improve access to vaccines. Appointments are being posted with more notice, and hours are being expanded to offer options such as weekends and evenings.

VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL 27-MAY 2: Appointments now posted for this week at: Arlington Airport, Monroe Fairgrounds, Boom City, and Ash Way Park & Ride. Registration: <http://bit.ly/snocovaccine>

EVENING CLINIC AVAILABLE: The Ash Way Park & Ride mass vaccination site is offering afternoon and evening appointments on Thursday, April 29, noon to 7 p.m.

- Drive-thru registration: <https://bit.ly/3sSllaD>
- Walk-up (arrival by transit or on foot ONLY) registration: <https://bit.ly/3gH8dlC>

EVENING VACCINATION CLINIC

Afternoon and evening appointments are available during this later clinic at one of the mass vaccination sites in Snohomish County. Sign up now.

<http://bit.ly/snocovaccine> 

Register online. This clinic is by appointment.



- Snohomish County reaches milestone of 500,000 Vaccines given:** Data through April 20 shows that 493,730 vaccines had been given. Thanks to an allocation of more than 50,000 vaccines coming to Snohomish County this week, and roughly 5,000 doses now being given daily, the county has surpassed a milestone of 500,000 vaccines administered in 18 weeks.

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“We now have 1 out of every 3 residents over the age of 16 fully vaccinated in Snohomish County, and that’s pretty remarkable in less than five months,” said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District. “Finding a vaccine is getting

easier every day, which is encouraging news given the urgency we have in getting eligible people vaccinated. We'll be working to complete the remainder of the effort on an even shorter timeline, but we also need everyone to sign up and get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

The most recent release of the [weekly variant report](#) from the Washington State Department of Health shows the proportion of variants of concern identified has been increasing. These emerging variants of concern are easier to spread, can cause more severe illness, and are a big part of the rising number of COVID cases in Snohomish County. The variants coupled with a notable increase in ill-advised gatherings are fueling a fourth wave.

Social gatherings aren't the only place where cases are growing. The Health District is also seeing a rise in workplace-associated cases and outbreaks. More details can be found in a [detailed case report through April 10](#), along with monthly outbreak and school case reports being released next week.

- **Upcoming Vaccine Clinics in Lynnwood:** The City of Lynnwood is working in partnership with South County Fire and Rescue to plan and host two upcoming mobile vaccine clinics the first week of May. The first clinic will be hosted in partnership with the Korean Community Services Center and the second clinic will be hosted in partnership with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.
- **State resumes use of Johnson & Johnson Vaccine:** The state Department of Health has begun resuming use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine across the Washington.

This decision is based on recommendations Friday from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, as well as careful consideration and close review by DOH.

Gov. Jay Inslee also [announced authorization](#) by the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup. The workgroup, comprised of vaccine experts from Washington, California, Oregon and Nevada, has met to review the data and analysis to ensure the safety and efficacy of all FDA-authorized vaccines.

“The benefits of the J&J vaccine outweigh the risks associated with it,” Inslee said. “We want to keep as many people free from COVID and out of the hospital as possible, and the J&J vaccine will help us get through this pandemic. I encourage people to get whatever vaccine is available to them. If you have questions or concerns, consult a provider to help answer questions you have.”

The federal agencies ordered an 11-day [pause](#) as a precaution after six cases of a rare but severe type of blood clot were reported following administration of the J&J vaccine. In these cases, a blood clot in the brain formed, which is called thrombosis. This is coupled with low blood platelets, known as thrombocytopenia. When those both occur after a vaccine, it is referred to as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS).

See the state's [full press release](#) or read an update available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Russian](#), that provides a quick briefing about what has happened in recent weeks with J&J COVID vaccine.

- **COVID-19 Vaccines: Just the facts, revisited**

This is the second installment from the state Department of Health addressing questions about COVID-19 vaccines. [In this post](#):

- Are there really microchips or tracking devices in the COVID-19 vaccine?
- Can home remedies prevent COVID-19 and protect me from getting sick?
- **Nearly 200k first dose COVID vaccines available this week in Washington:** Washington state's three-week vaccine forecast shows allocations for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will remain fairly consistent. The numbers are subject to change as vaccine availability from the federal government may change.
 - **This week:** 370,340 total doses (191,680 first doses, 178,660 second doses)
 - This includes 212,940 doses of Pfizer and 157,400 doses of Moderna
 - **Week of May 2: 377,360 total doses (191,680 first doses, 185,680 second doses)**
 - This includes 219,960 doses of Pfizer and 157,400 doses of Moderna
 - **Week of May 9: 383,360 total doses (191,680 first doses, 191,680 second doses)**
 - This includes 219,960 doses of Pfizer and 163,400 doses of Moderna
- **CDC announces fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors**
The CDC today announced that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask when outdoors, except for in crowded settings. Officials still caution that crowded outdoor settings pose risks and urge everyone — both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals — to wear masks when attending sporting events, live performances and parades.
- **Snohomish Health District Testing Sites:** The schedule for the week of April 26 remains the same:
 - 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 continue to wait for 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.