

COVID-19 Council Update

April 6, 2021

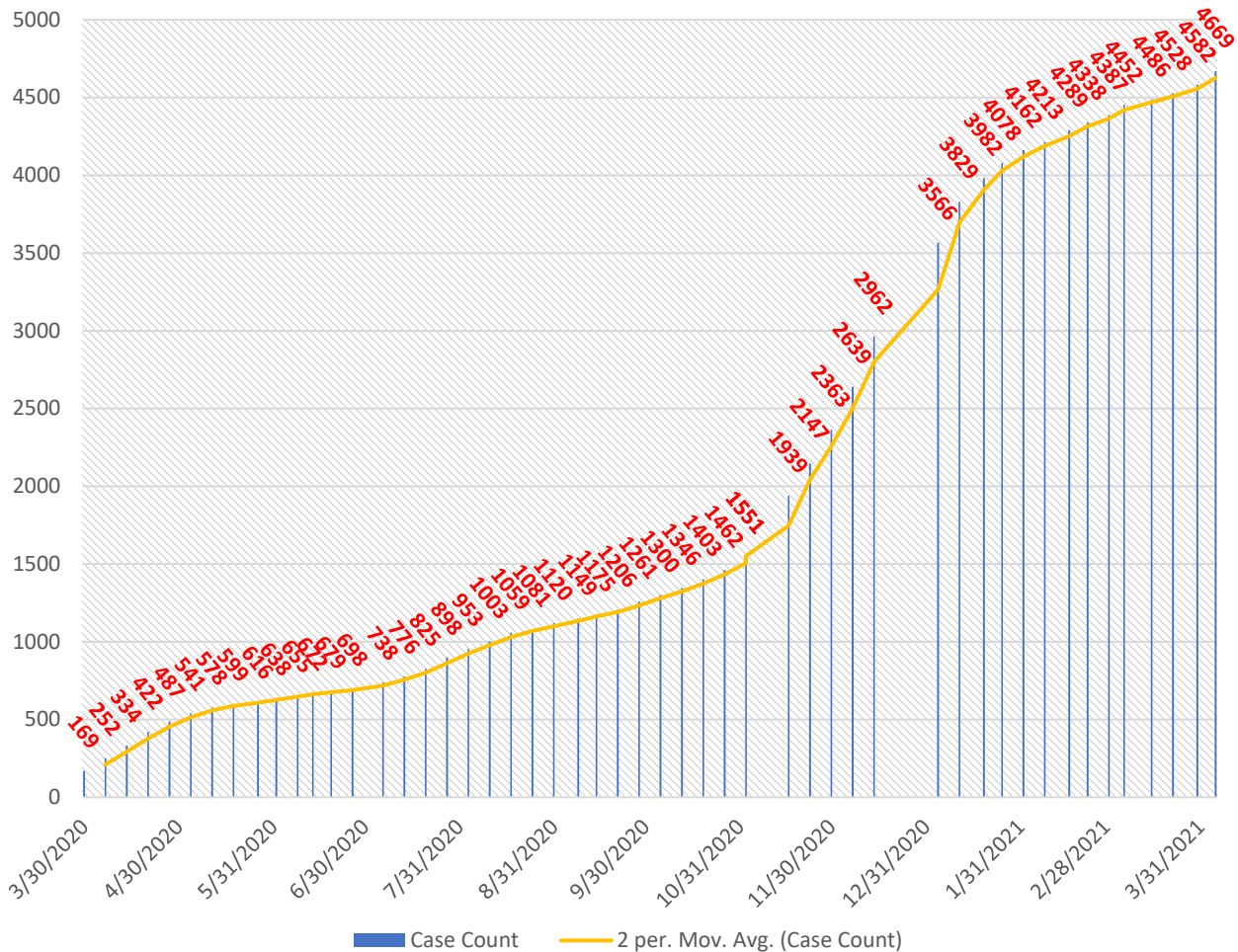
Current Statistics as of 4/5/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 33,272 Confirmed/Probable cases (+671 cases from 3/30)
 - 564 Deaths
 - 2,056 Hospitalizations
 - 32 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 3 patients requiring ventilators

- **Washington State** – 370,017 Confirmed - Probable Cases (+7,632 cases from 3/30)
 - 5,285 Deaths statewide (+59 cases from 3/30)
 - 20,782 Hospitalizations
 - 1.4% of Deaths/Total Cases

- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,669 Cases (+87 from 3/30) – 4,355 recovered
 - 72 Deaths

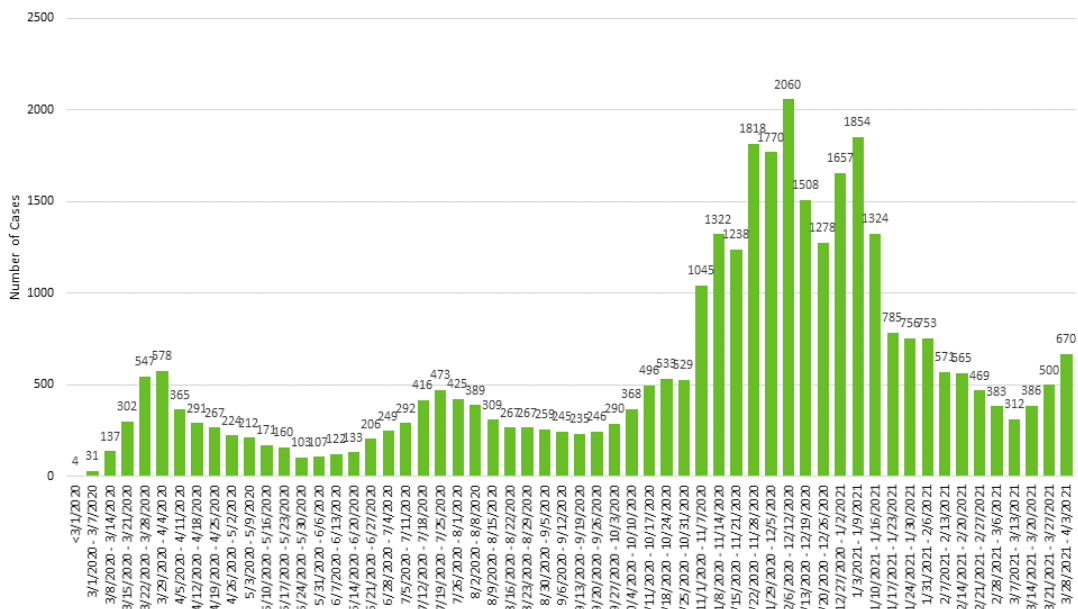
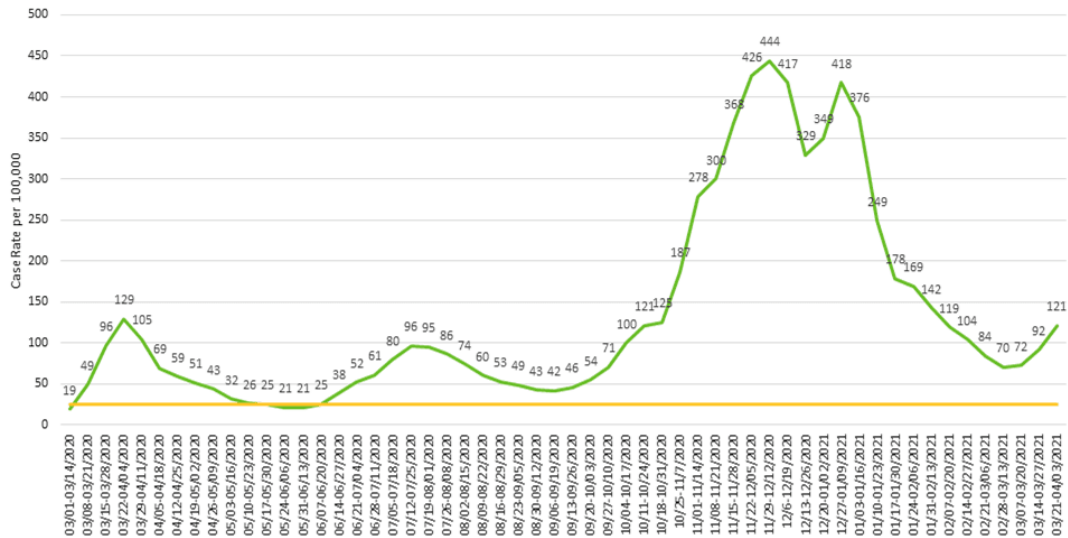
Lynnwood Trending



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

Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** In just under a month we've surrendered the ground gained on COVID since February. This path leads back to restrictions on business and activities. Please mask up. Avoid crowds, particularly indoors. Maintain a 6' distance and wash your hands. [#InItTogether](#).



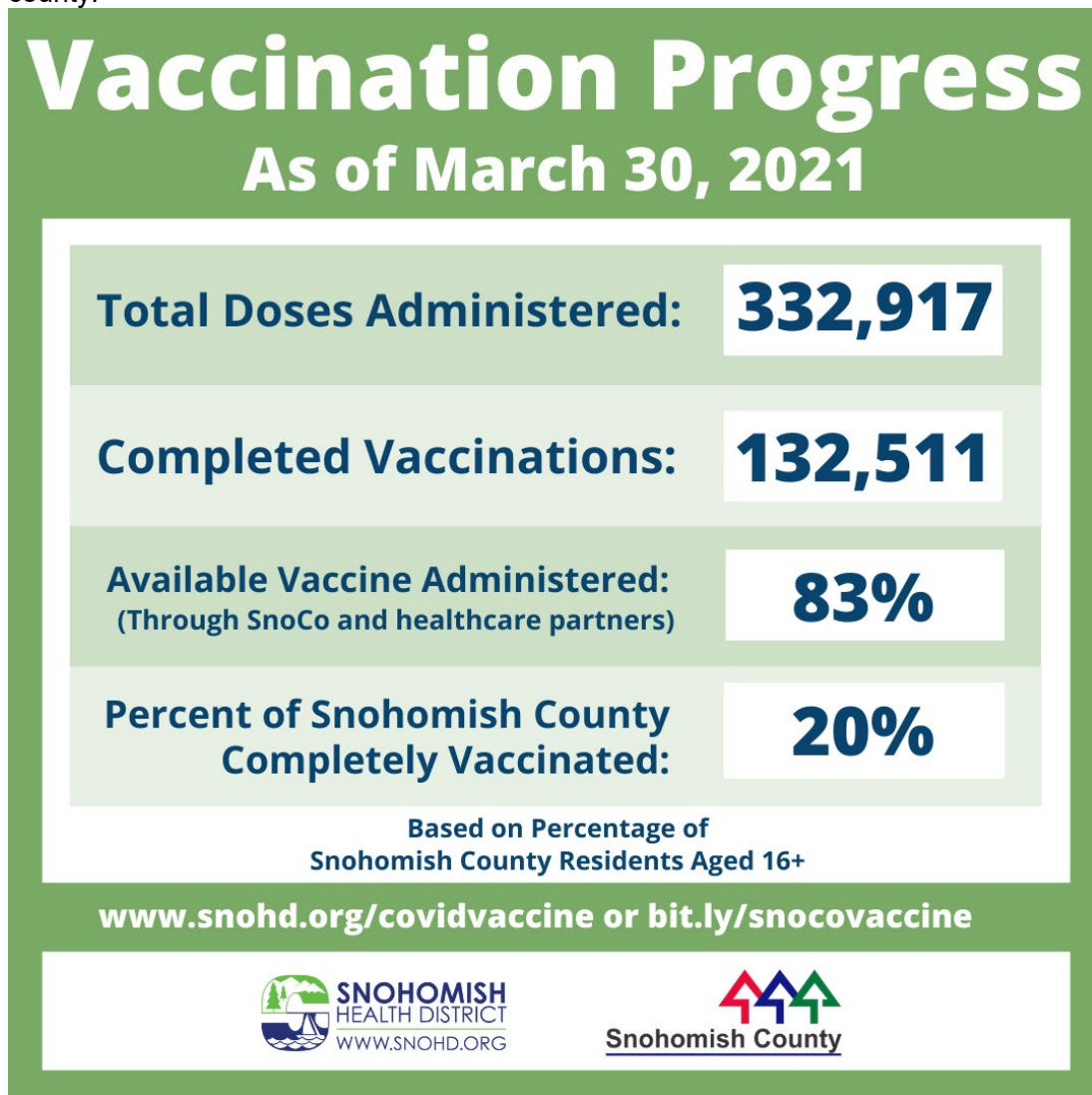
- Help needed to turn numbers around quickly:** After nine weeks of steady decreases, the COVID-19 case rate has increased for the third week in a row. It is now at 121 per 100,000 residents for the two-week period ending April 3.

In addition to the case rate increasing, test positivity and hospitalizations are also starting to tick back up. Test positivity—or the percent of confirmed positive tests out of all COVID-19 specimens collected—has risen from 5% to 7% over the last couple of weeks. On Monday, there were 15 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19 complications and three required mechanical ventilation to breathe. As of today, there are 32 hospitalized and 3 on ventilators.

“We’re going back in the wrong direction again, but we have an opportunity to turn it around ourselves before a retreat in recovery is forced upon us,” said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District.

If case rates continue to climb, Snohomish County could slide back to Phase 2 in [Governor Inslee’s Roadmap to Recovery](#). This means resuming more restrictions on business and activities, which no one wants to do again. It is very difficult to reverse course quickly but acting now can bend the curve back down before it’s too late. This relies on the community stepping up efforts to overcome premature exuberance about a hopeful future and to fend off emerging variants of the COVID-19 virus while vaccination efforts proceed.

- **Snohomish County Vaccination Progress:** Based on data through March 30, more than 330,000 vaccines have been administered and 132,511 Snohomish County residents are now fully vaccinated. That represents 20 percent of all residents 16 years or older in the county.



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.

- **Lynnwood Vaccine Site:** The City of Lynnwood and South Snohomish County Fire, in concert with the Snohomish Health District and numerous other partners such as Verdant, will be hosting a small vaccination site this Thursday (4/8) at Northwest Church from 2-4p.m. We have been allocated 150 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and will be focusing on our older community members, and our underserved community members and those disproportionately affected by the virus. 102 of the slots were quickly taken by our senior community members who we directly provide services to and interact with. The remaining 48 slots were given to Verdant who is coordinating to have them allocated to our underserved community members and those in need.
- **Changes Coming to Mass Vaccination Sites:** The newest mass vaccination site in the county is scheduled to open today, Tuesday, April 6. The site is located at Boom City, 10274 27th Ave. NE in Tulalip. It is the sixth mass vaccination site coordinated by the Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce. This site is in partnership with the Tulalip Tribes.

The Boom City site is set up for drive-thru access. Like the other mass vaccination sites, it is by appointment only for those eligible under the phased approach to vaccination. The phases are set to open on April 15, expanding eligibility to all adults (including 16 and older for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, the only vaccine so far authorized for those younger than 18).

The other five mass vaccination sites in the county will continue operating, as well, though exact days vary based on vaccine availability. The locations are listed, along with the type of vaccine provided and registration links for appointments, at <http://bit.ly/snocovaccine>. For people who do not have internet access, need language assistance, or have other barriers to online registration, the COVID-19 call center for Snohomish County is available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 425-339-5278.

Appointments at Snohomish County mass vaccinations sites are still by appointment only. Without the PhaseFinder tool, and given the variety of people who are now eligible based on health, age, employment, or living situation, it is no longer practical for the vaccine taskforce to perform spot checks of eligibility as people arrive for first dose appointments at the mass vaccination sites. Following state guidance, we will rely on self-attestation from patients that they are currently eligible. Eligibility information will continue to be provided at <http://bit.ly/snocovaccine>.

Everyone is strongly urged to follow the phased approach to vaccination. If you are not eligible, you should not sign up for an appointment at this time. The demand for vaccine remains higher than the number of doses we are receiving. Getting vaccinated ahead of your turn may take an appointment away from someone who is higher risk than yourself.

For more information on mass vaccination sites in Snohomish County, including eligibility guidelines, visit <http://bit.ly/snocovaccine>.

- **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/>
- **Snohomish Health District Testing Sites:** The schedule for the week of April 5:
 - 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.

- **All adults be made eligible for COVID vaccine by April 15:** All adults in Washington aged 16 and up will be eligible for vaccine starting April 15.
- **Round 4 of Working Washington Grants Now Open:** Over the last year, Washington State has provided small businesses throughout the state with more than \$125 million in grants to address the economic outfall of COVID-19. This effort continues with a new round of grant opportunities being managed by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Working Washington Round 4 offers up to \$25,000 in grant relief funds to small for-profit businesses, especially those that were required to close due to public health and safety measures. Priorities for funding are:

- Businesses required to close.
- Businesses with lost revenue as a result of closure.
- Businesses with added expenses to maintain safe operations.
- Equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and to businesses owned and operated by historically disadvantaged individuals.

Lynnwood businesses have been notified via Lynnwood eNews and postings have been made on the City's social media alerting community members of the new opportunity.

- **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.