

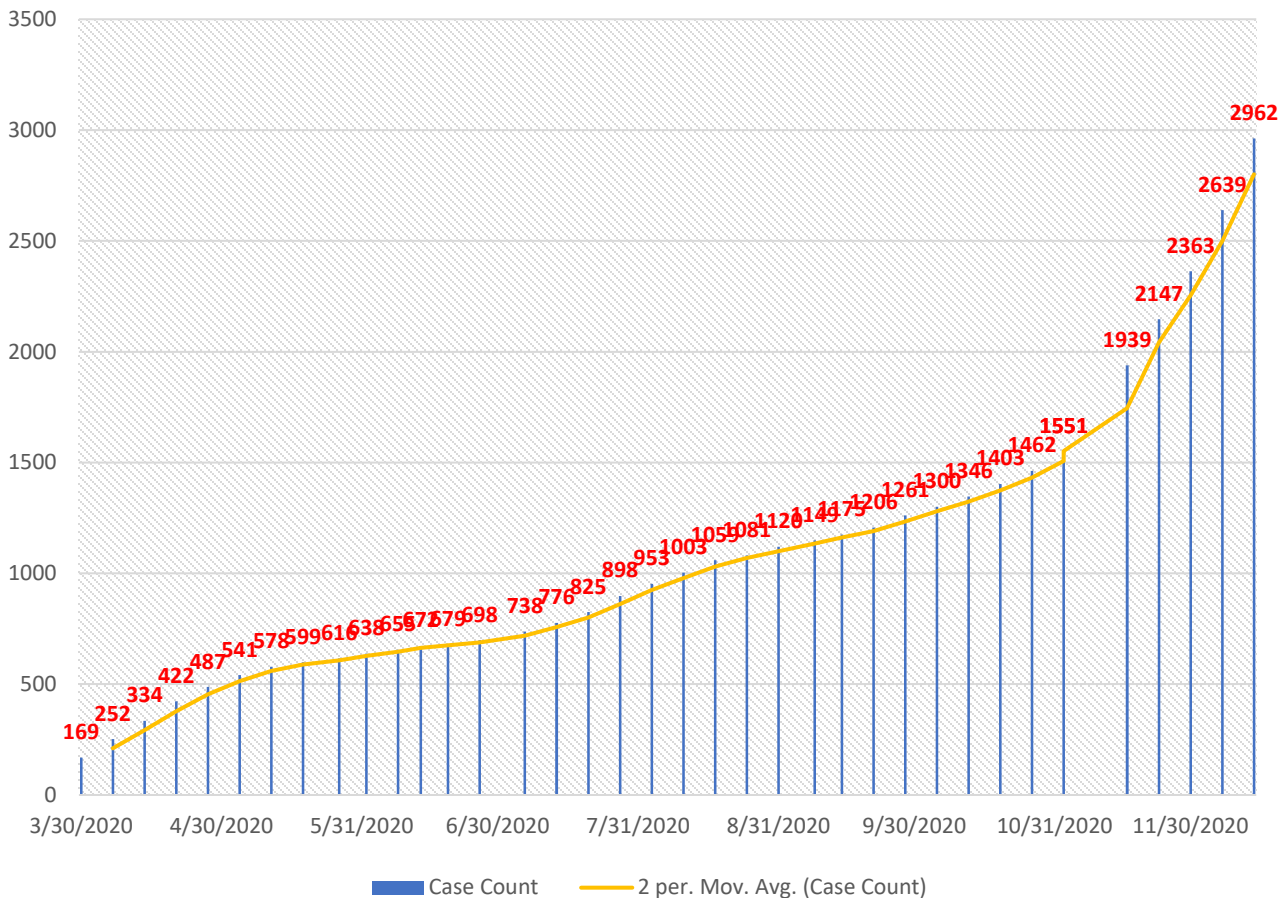
# COVID-19 Council Update

## December 14, 2020

### Current Statistics as of 12/14/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 19,685 Confirmed/Probable cases (+1,816 cases from 12/07)
  - 329 Deaths (+21 from 12/07)
  - 1,367 Hospitalizations
  - 93 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19, 14 suspected, 17 patients requiring ventilators
- **Washington State** – 203,797 Confirmed cases; (+19,393 from 12/07)
  - 2,918 Deaths statewide
  - 12,649 Hospitalizations
  - 1.4% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 2,962 Cases (+323 from 12/07) – 1,741 recovered
  - 34 Deaths

## Lynnwood Trending



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

## Status Update:

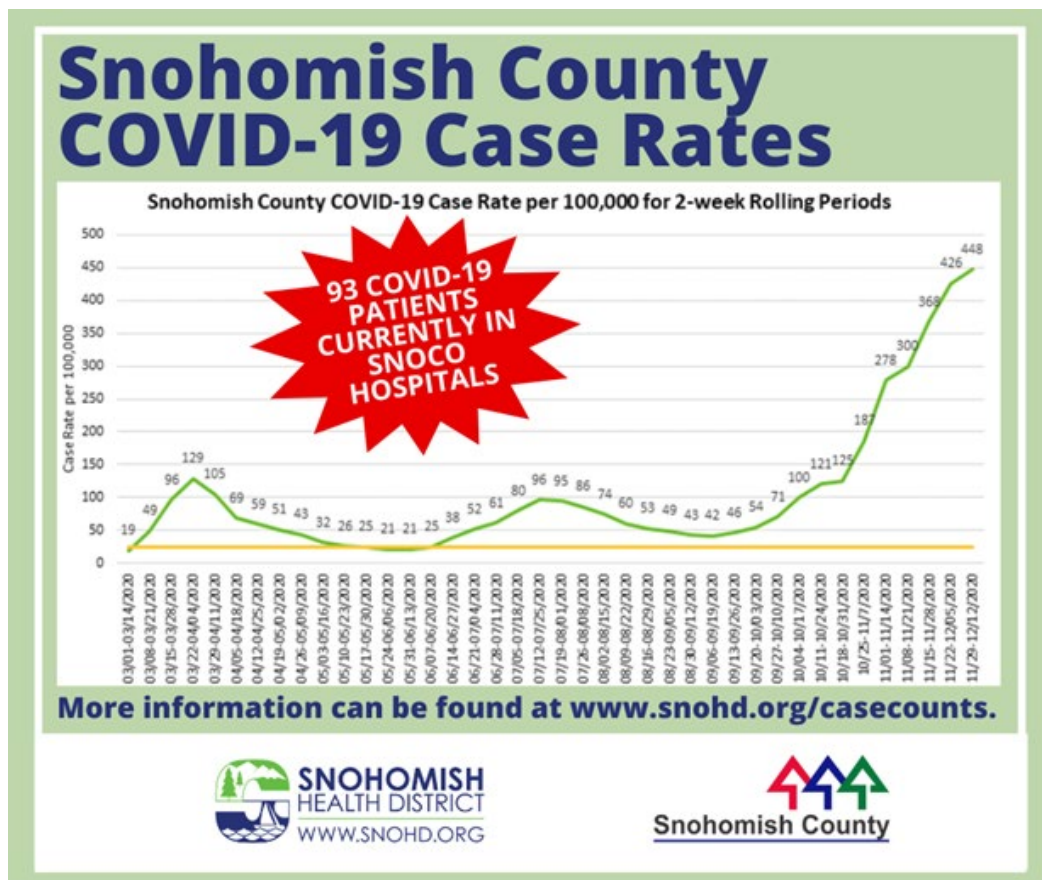
- **COVID: Case rate now at 448 per 100K:** The case rate for COVID-19 in Snohomish County is up to 448 cases per 100,000 population for the period of November 29 to December 12.

Last week, Snohomish County saw a record number of cases – more than 2,000 new cases reported in one week.

**As of Monday, December 14, there are 93 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Snohomish County hospitals, and 17 patients are relying on mechanical ventilators.**

Please note that, due to the large number of tests statewide, there is a backlog from the labs. Because of this, data from the Washington State Department of Health has been delayed today. We anticipate numbers tomorrow catching up to that backlog.

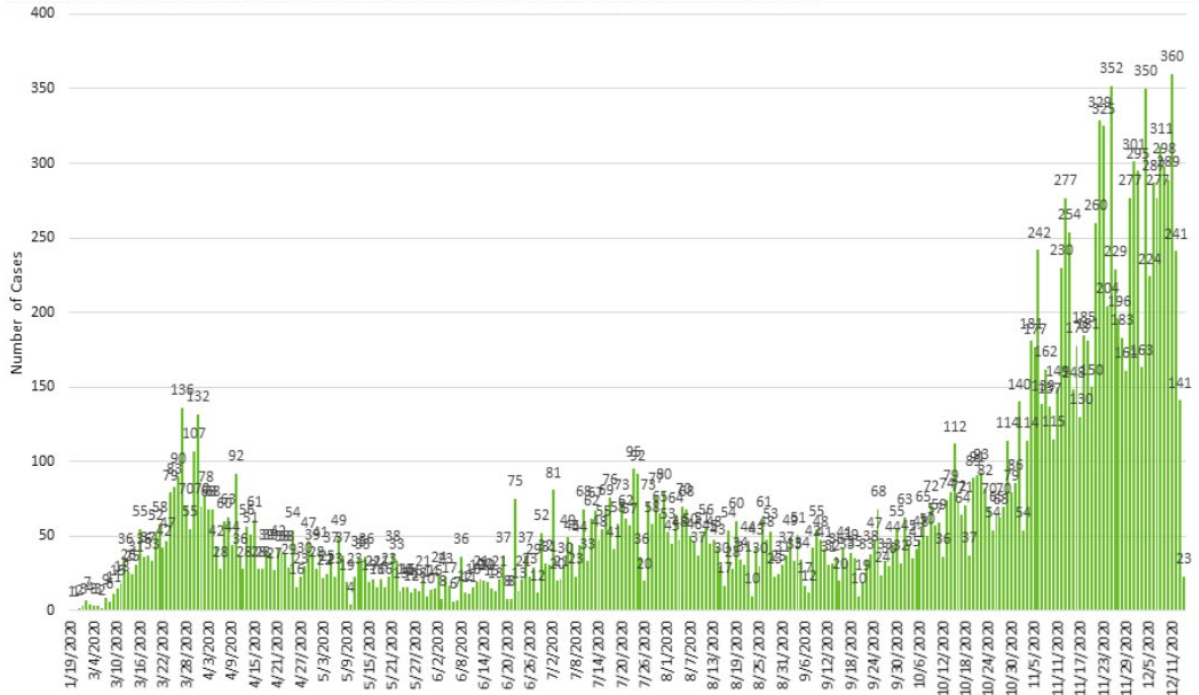
More info: [www.snohd.org/casecounts](http://www.snohd.org/casecounts)



The majority of new cases continue to be in 20-49 year-olds. **Case investigations reveal that roughly two-thirds of all new cases are from close contacts or community acquired.** This means people are getting COVID from people they know or live with, or in community settings like workplaces, church and social settings or get-togethers.

This is leading to an increase in the number of new workplace outbreaks in [the recent weekly report](#) through November 28. The number nearly doubled, from 19 workplace outbreaks the week ending November 21 to 32 workplace outbreaks for the week ending November 28. There are also outbreaks in 56 long-term care facilities, including 16 of the 17 skilled nursing facilities in Snohomish County, accounting for 572 cases in recent weeks.

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



- **COVID-19 trends uncertain following increased activity before Thanksgiving:** The latest [statewide situation report](#) on COVID-19 transmission from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) shows that COVID-19 is continuing to spread rapidly across the state. The report uses data with a longer than usual lag time due to the Thanksgiving holiday and reflects considerable uncertainty in the current situation.

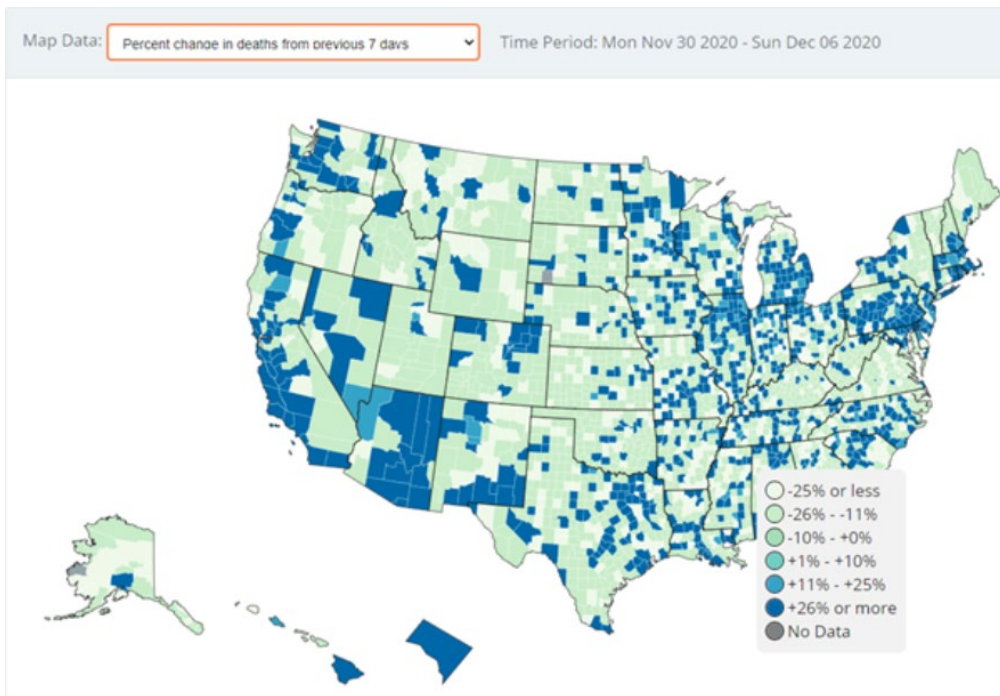
Report findings include:

- **COVID-19 continued to spread at a rapid pace throughout the state through mid-November.** The best estimates of the number of new people each COVID-19 patient will infect was 1.44 in western Washington as of November 15. The goal is a number well below one, which would mean COVID-19 transmission is declining.
- **30 of 39 counties had rates above 200 new cases per 100,000 people prior to Thanksgiving.** This indicates that COVID-19 activity is both high and widespread in Washington.
- **Cases, hospitalizations and deaths continued to increase sharply since the last situation report.** The seven-day rolling average case count in western Washington was more than eight times higher on November 20 than September 12.
- **Daily hospitalizations have been on the rise, with hospital admissions reaching peak March levels as of November 20.** In western Washington, daily hospitalizations increased over four times since the beginning of October.
- **Over the month of November, the number of hospital beds occupied by patients with COVID-19 rose sharply across the state.** Intensive care unit (ICU) beds occupied by COVID-19 patients show a similar trend, with particularly steep increases in western Washington.
- **If hospital admissions continue to grow, we could see hospital occupancy double every two weeks.** Washington hospitals have already reduced non-urgent procedures to increase capacity, and ability to create further capacity may be limited. It's not yet clear whether we are beginning to see a leveling off of hospital admissions or if exponential growth will continue.

- **If our November 1 transmission rates persist, hospital admissions will reach record levels.**
  - **Growth in cases is widely distributed across the state.** Among the five largest counties, Clark, Snohomish and Spokane continued to see increases in case counts.
  - **Many small counties are still affected by the surge, with high case counts for their population size.**
  - **The overall percentage of Washington state residents with active COVID-19 infection was higher in November than the peak in late March.** The best model-based estimate as of November 20 was 0.52%.
- **County Now Among Places in US Logging Steepest Increase in COVID Deaths:** Snohomish County has the unenviable distinction this week of being one of the places in the US with the steepest increase in COVID-19 deaths, according to data maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC's interactive COVID data tracker makes it possible to explore differences in how the pandemic is playing out among counties and states across the country.

The CDC's data show that between Nov 30 and Dec 6, the county had 28 confirmed COVID deaths. Between Monday and Thursday there were at least 15 more. As of Thursday afternoon, a total of 323 local lives had been lost to the disease since the start of the pandemic. COVID deaths in the county has been climbing since October, along with the third wave of infection.



- **It's Not Too Late to Get Your Flu Shot:** It's important for everyone to get a flu vaccine this year — especially people living with certain chronic conditions like heart disease, asthma or diabetes, who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications. Even

Flu vaccination can reduce the burden of flu illnesses on our medical systems so they can focus on patients with COVID-19. Make a plan to get vaccinated if you haven't already.

More info: <http://www.snohd.org/154/The-Flu>

- **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).

- **COVID vaccines arrive in Washington State, people in Phase 1a will begin to receive vaccinations this week:** COVID-19 vaccines are on the ground in Washington state, and this week, the first doses will be administered to high-risk health workers, as well as staff and residents of long-term care facilities.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose vaccine, given 21 days apart. Clinical trial data show the vaccine is 95% effective at preventing COVID-19 infection starting 7 days after the second dose. Individuals will not be considered fully protected until 1 to 2 weeks after they receive the second dose. The clinical trials revealed no major unanticipated adverse events. The FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in people aged 16 and older Friday.

The state expects to receive 62,400 doses of vaccine this week. The first doses of vaccine will go to people in Phase 1a. This phase includes high-risk workers in health care settings, high-risk first responders, and patients and staff of long-term care facilities, estimated to be around 500,000 people in Washington. Read more details about phase 1a here.

The federal government has given Washington an estimated total distribution of 222,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of December. Regular weekly shipments should begin in January.

A second pharmaceutical company, Moderna, submitted an EUA application November 30. This application will be reviewed December 17. If the EUA is granted and the Moderna vaccine approved by the Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, we should get about 183,800 doses by the end of December as well.



- **Drive-thru Testing:**

**COVID-19 Testing Available**

Register for an appointment & find more info at [www.snohd.org/testing](http://www.snohd.org/testing)

**Testing at 3900 Broadway, Everett:**

- Seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Testing at 915 N Broadway, Everett:**

- Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Testing at 5320 176th St SW, Lynnwood:**

- Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon


**Testing at 501 Date Street, Sultan:**

- Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Testing at Evergreen State Fairgrounds off of 179th Ave SE, Monroe:**

- Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing is for COVID-19 and is by appointment. Results should be available in 2-3 calendar days.

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- **Extended Telecommuting:** The EOC Command Staff along with Mayor Smith have made the decision to extend employee telecommuting through the end of the first quarter of 2021.
- **Staffing:** Staffing numbers, and levels of illness, have remained consistent throughout the pandemic.
- **CARES Act Funding:** The City of Lynnwood is eligible to receive \$1,782,000 in federal CARES Act Funding.
  - Recap of \$1,782,000 CARES Act Funding allocations:
 

▪ Technology Costs	\$220,000
▪ Payroll Costs (estimates)	\$60,000
▪ COVID-related expenses	\$208,000
▪ Business Relief Fund	\$800,000
▪ Community Relief Fund	\$250,000
▪ Additional city expenses related to COVID-19	\$194,000
▪ Grant to the Lynnwood Food Bank	\$50,000
- Sub-recipient Grant from Snohomish County for Small Business Grant Program: \$231,596