

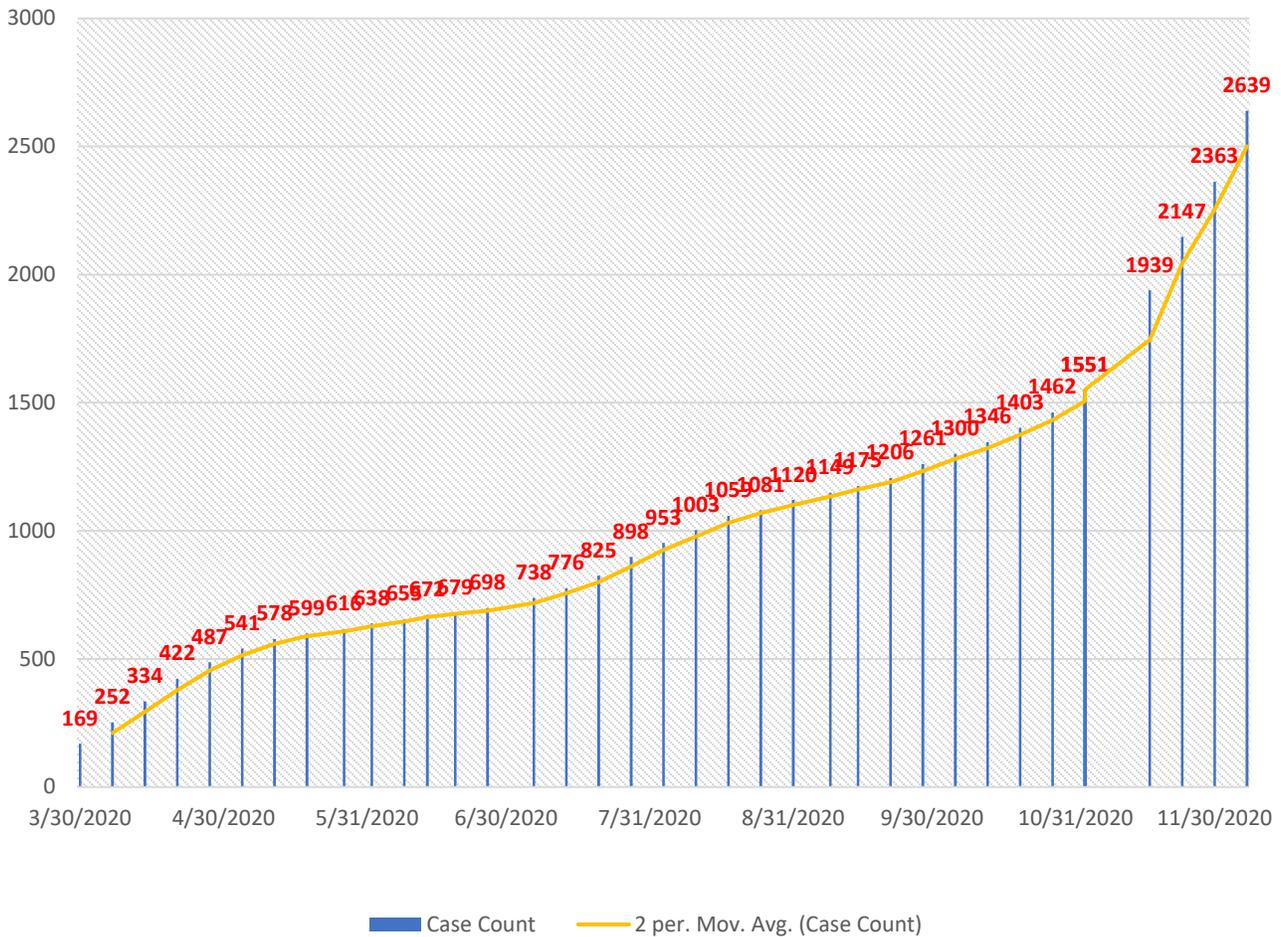
COVID-19 Council Update

December 7, 2020

Current Statistics as of 12/07/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 17,869 Confirmed/Probable cases (+1,907 cases from 11/30)
 - 308 Deaths (+18 from 11/30)
 - 1,232 Hospitalizations
 - 83 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19, 4 suspected
- **Washington State** – 184,404 Confirmed cases; (+19,385 from 11/30)
 - 2,941 Deaths statewide (+167 deaths from 11/30)
 - 11,696 Hospitalizations
 - 1.6% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 2,639 Cases (+276 from 11/30) – 1,572 recovered
 - 32 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending



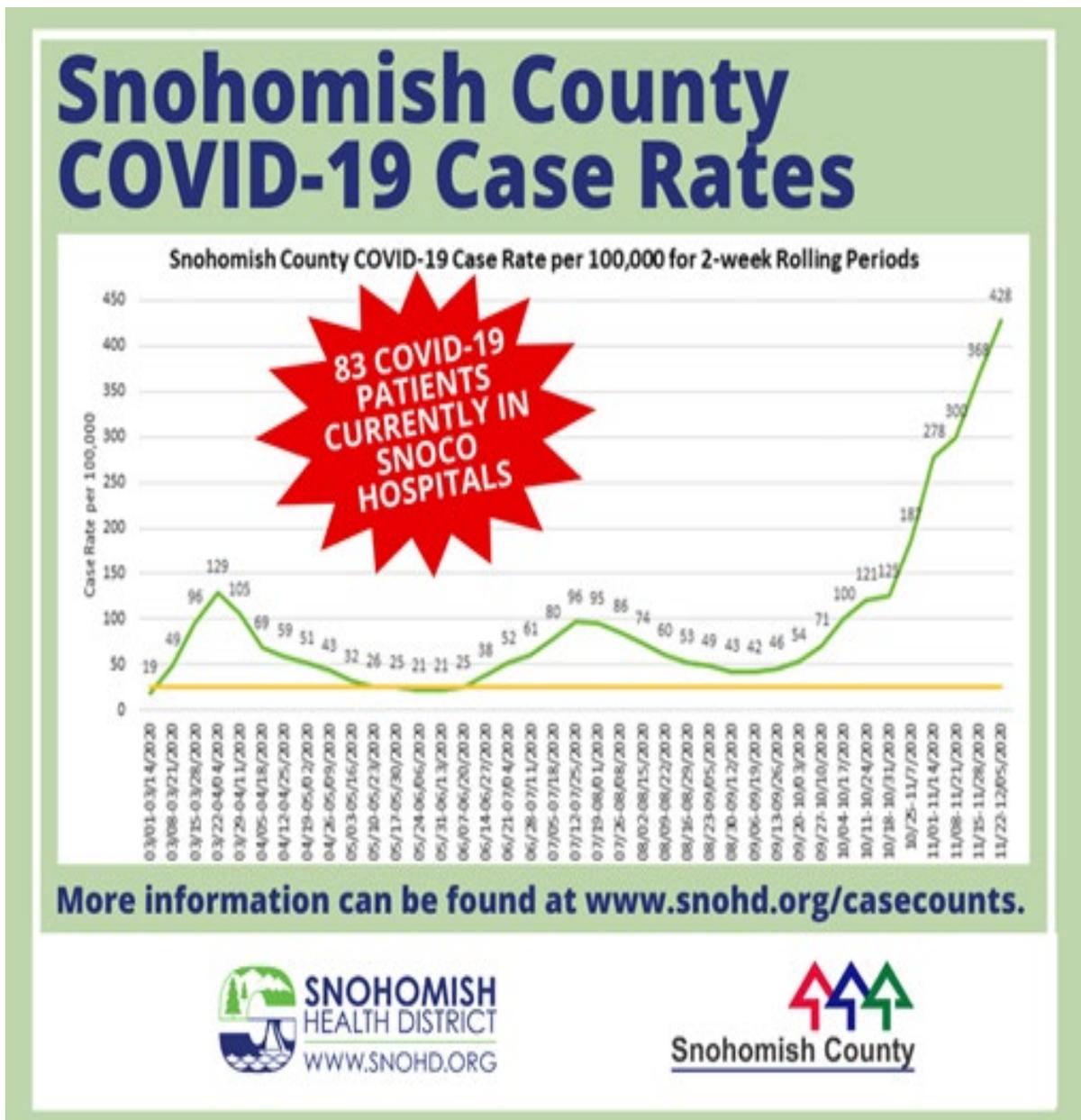
*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

Status Update:

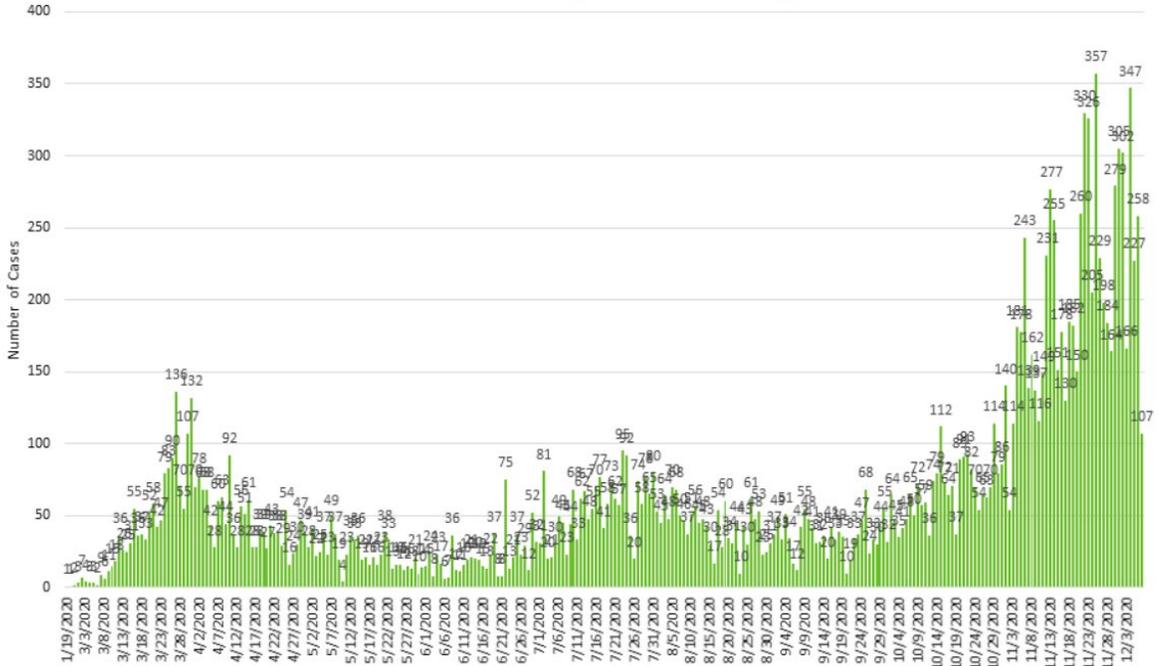
- **COVID: Case rate now triple March peak:** The rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in Snohomish County is now more than triple the peak we saw during the first wave back in March. We've reached 428 cases per 100,000.

As of Monday, Dec. 7, there are 83 patients with confirmed COVID and four additional suspected cases in local hospitals. Fifteen patients are on mechanical ventilators to breathe.

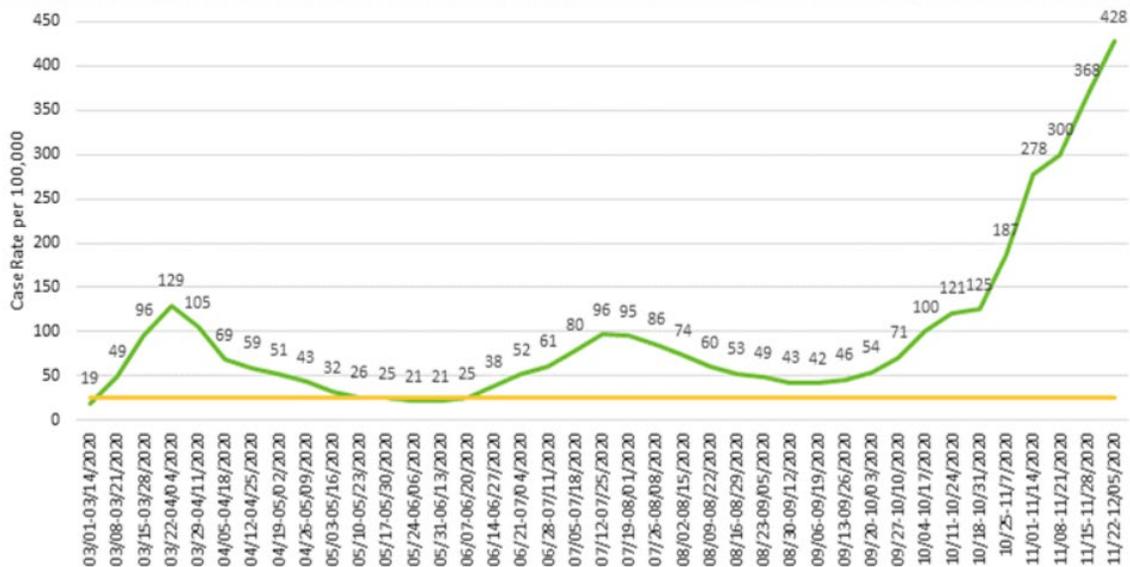
As badly as we all want to be done with COVID, the disease is not done with us. Stick with the preventive efforts. Mask up, wash your hands, keep your distance from others. Stay home and away from other people if you feel sick, or if you've been in contact with someone who has COVID. If you've been making plans for group get-togethers during the holidays, now is the time to cancel or change them. Keep it small, to your household, and go virtual for visiting extended family and friends. We can do this.



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



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



- **Surging COVID cases mean outbreaks, tighter rules at local long-term care centers:** As of December 2, there were 44 ongoing outbreaks in these facilities involving approximately 500 cases.

For these reasons, the Snohomish Health District has recommended that all long-term care facilities in Snohomish County to immediately follow Phase 1 of the Long-term Care Safe Start Plan until further notice or superseded by more restrictive guidance from state or federal regulators. This also applies to skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult family homes, enhanced service facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and certified community residential services and supports.

This Phase 1 framework is designed for heightened infection control in these vulnerable settings during periods of heightened virus spread in the community and potential for healthcare system limitations. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has created FamHelp, with tools for families of residents in long-term care.

- **It's Not Too Late to Get Your Flu Shot:** This week is National Influenza Vaccination Week, and the Snohomish Health District wants to remind people that it is not too late to get vaccinated against influenza.

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>

- **Plan ahead to minimize the spread of COVID this holiday season:** Given the high rates of COVID-19 in Washington and around the country, winter holiday celebrations need to look different than in years past. Many of the ways we traditionally celebrate the holidays include contact with non-household members in large group settings. The Department of Health (DOH) strongly urges everyone to limit their holiday celebrations to only members of their immediate households. Regardless of how you choose to celebrate, it is important to keep the following in mind:
 - Avoid close contact with people outside of your household. Stay at least 6 feet away from all other people who are not part of your household.
 - Wear a cloth face covering anytime you are with people not from your household. This includes family members and close friends who do not live with you. Make sure the face covering fits snugly over your nose and mouth.
 - Avoid confined indoor spaces. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities. If participating in an outdoor event is not possible and you choose to attend an indoor event, avoid crowded poorly ventilated, and fully enclosed indoor spaces. Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors if possible.
 - Wash or sanitize your hands (and the hands of little ones) often.
 - Stay home if you are sick or were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19. If you are sick, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, stay home and away from others.
 - “As the state continues to experience very high COVID-19 activity, now is not the time to let our guard down” said Lacy Fehrenbach, Deputy Secretary of Health for COVID-19. “We understand that people want to gather with friends and extended family in-person for the holidays, but that just isn't possible to do safely this year. Many of us discovered creative and unique ways to celebrate Thanksgiving, and we are asking everyone do the same when planning their winter holiday celebrations.”
- **DOH Updates on COVID Vaccine Planning:** The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to make progress with COVID-19 vaccine distribution planning efforts.

Timeline: Vaccine Authorizations and Approvals

Vaccine safety is of the utmost importance to our communities in Washington. The FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee will meet December 10th to review the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) application submitted by Pfizer on November 20th. An EUA allows the FDA to make a product available during a declared state of emergency before it has a full license. If the EUA is approved, the vaccine will then be vetted by the Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, as part of the Western States Pact.

The review by this workgroup will provide another layer of scrutiny and expert review to this process and should take about 1 to 2 days. This will be done while the vaccine is still being processed and shipped, so it should not cause any delay in making vaccine available to people in Washington.

First Vaccine Arrival

We are hopeful we will have a vaccine to begin administering by mid-December. The federal government has given us an estimate of 62,400 doses of the Pfizer vaccine for our initial allocation. They have also told us we should receive an estimated total of around 200,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine by the end of December. Regular weekly shipments should begin in January.

See the [full press release](#) for more information on **vaccine allocation and distribution, provider enrollment**, and more

- **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).

- **Drive-thru Testing:** The Health District has added a new drive through testing site in Monroe in addition to their other sites:



COVID-19 Testing Available

Register for an appointment & find more info at
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, Monroe:

- Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday 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.



- **Five free, Drive-Thru COVID Testing Events:** The Verdant Health Commission and [Medical Teams International](#) will partner with local organizations to host free, drive-thru, non-invasive COVID-19 testing events on five dates during the month of December. The next events take place:
 - Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Mountlake Terrace High, 21801 44th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace
 - Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1-5 p.m. at Community Life Center, 19820 Scriber Lake Road, Lynnwood
 - Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Edmonds Food Bank, 828 Caspers St., Edmonds
 - Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Lynnwood Food Bank, 5320 176th St. S.W., Lynnwood
 - Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 1-7 p.m. at the Lynnwood Food Bank, 5320 176th St. S.W., Lynnwood
- **New Round of state COVID small business grants of up to \$20,000:** Small businesses struggling to survive the impact of COVID-19 can apply now for up to \$20,000 in a new round of \$50 million in state Working Washington grants. Priority is focused on businesses with annual revenues of \$5 million or less in 2019 and those most impacted by the recent public health measures, as well as businesses in sectors that have experienced significant,

cumulative impacts. Examples include full-service restaurants, fitness centers, bowling alleys and music and event venues.

Information and applications for this third round of Working Washington Business Grants are available through an online portal on the Washington State Department of Commerce website at www.commerce.wa.gov/bizgrants. A dedicated page for this third round of grants, including more details and the application link, can be found [here](#).

- **More than 1 million enable WA Notify:** The Washington State Department of Health of Friday announced that in just four days, more than 1 million users activated [WA Notify](#), a simple, anonymous exposure notification tool that uses smartphones to help stop the spread of COVID-19. More Washington residents opted in within the first 24 hours than any other state using this technology. **As of 10 a.m. on Dec. 4, the number of phones with WA Notify is more than 19% of the number of Washington adults.**

“Opting into exposure notification is something almost every Washington resident with a smartphone can do to help stop the spread of COVID-19, so we are gratified to see so many people adopting it quickly,” said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. “If you haven’t activated WA Notify yet, please consider doing so. Studies from Oxford University and Stanford show that the more people who use a tool like WA Notify, the more effectively it will protect our communities.”

On Monday, Nov. 30, WA Notify launched in more than 29 languages so as many Washington residents as possible can access this tool. By adding WA Notify to their smartphones, Washington residents will be alerted if they spent time near another user who later tests positive for COVID-19. WA Notify uses privacy-preserving technology jointly developed by Google and Apple and works without collecting or revealing any location or personal data.

Visit WANotify.org to see how easy it is to add WA Notify to your smartphone or to learn more. [View a video](#) that describes how WA Notify works.



- **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
- **Lynnwood Set to Receive Additional Business Grant Funding from Snohomish County:** The City of Lynnwood will be receiving additional CARES Act Funding via Snohomish County. Snohomish County partnered with local municipalities that already had a small business grant process in place, to help expedite the distribution of funds into our local communities for business relief. With this additional \$231,596, Lynnwood is able to grant an additional 24 businesses that had previously applied to our Small Business Relief Grant program utilizing existing criteria and grant requirements. This week City staff are collecting signed grant agreements and other paperwork necessary to begin distributing funds.