

COVID-19 Council Update

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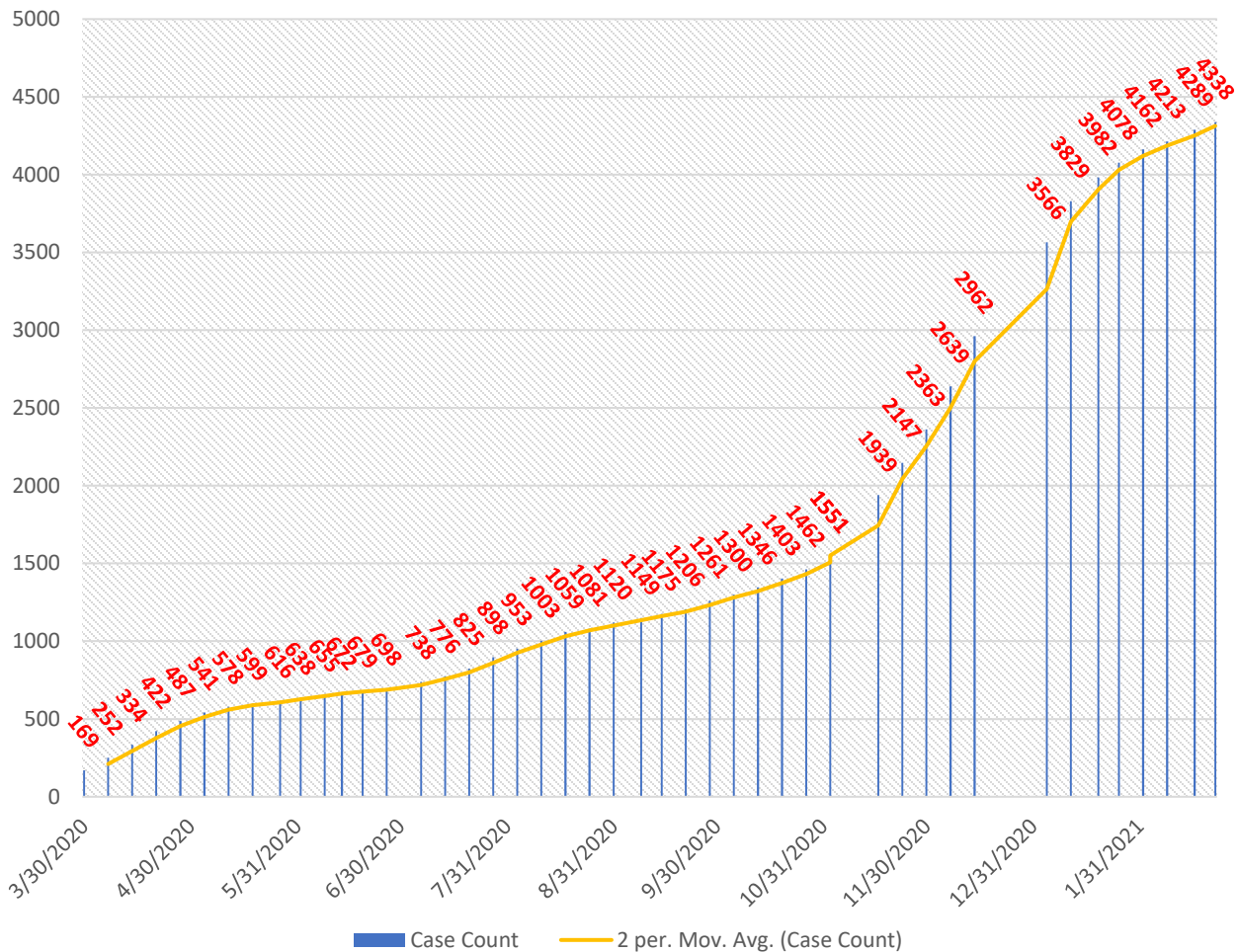
Current Statistics as of 2/22/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 30,475 Confirmed/Probable cases (+419 cases from 2/16)
 - 494 Deaths (+2 from 2/16)
 - 1,918 Hospitalizations
 - 38 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 5 patients requiring ventilators

- **Washington State** – 334,962 Confirmed/Probably Cases
 - 4,857 Deaths statewide
 - 19,110 Hospitalizations
 - 1.5% of Deaths/Total Cases

- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,338 Cases (+49 from 2/16) – 3,946 recovered
 - 61 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending

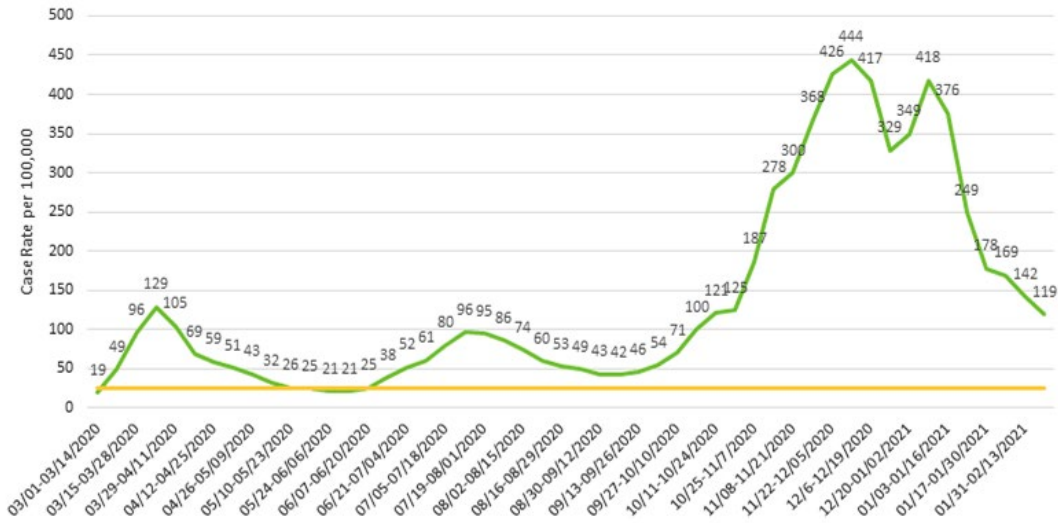


*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

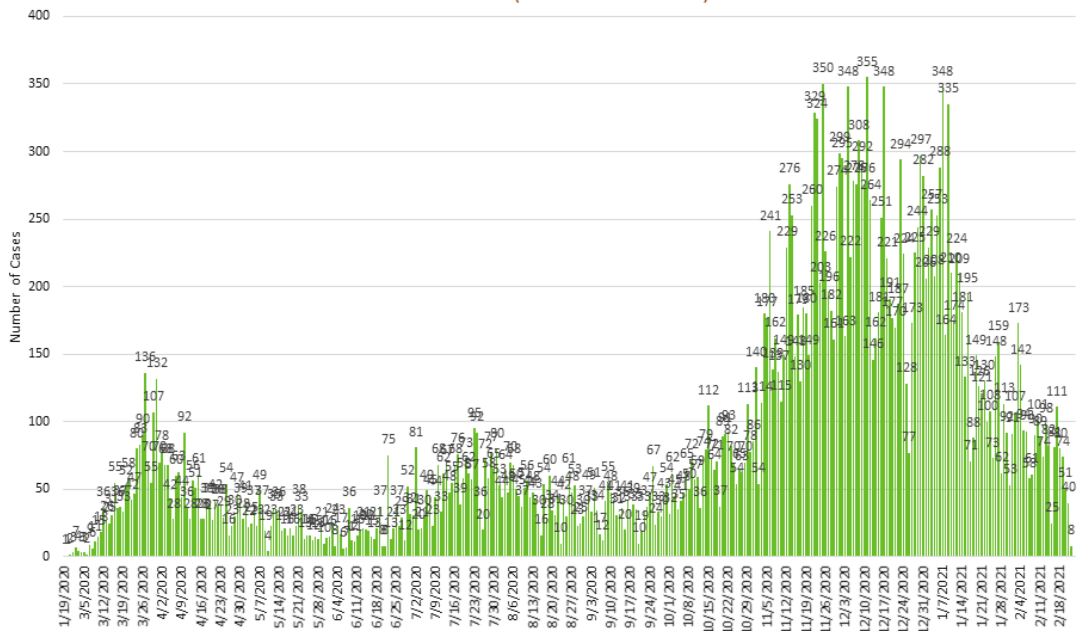
Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** Snohomish County's COVID-19 case rates saw another drop this week, going from 144 cases to 119 cases per 100,000 population. Keep up the three W's: Wear a Mask; Wash your Hands; Watch your Distance.

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 WEEKDAYS)



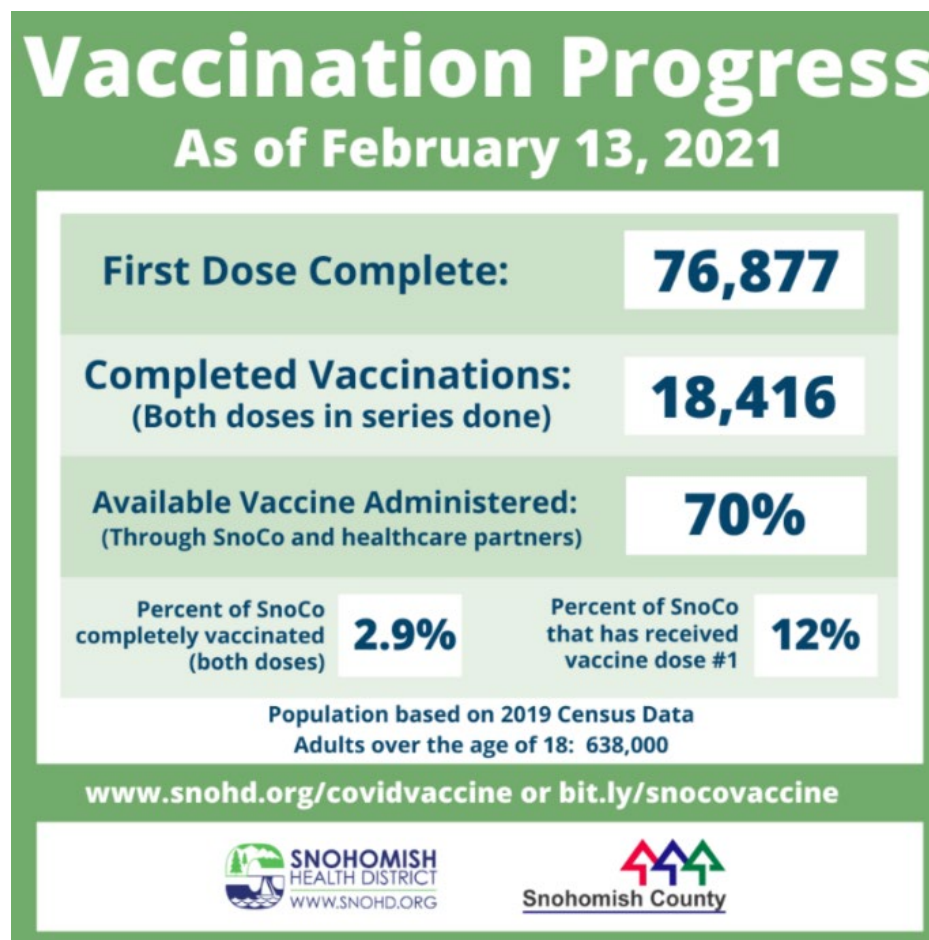
- Snohomish County Vaccination Update:** Throughout the country, shipments of vaccine have been delayed due to inclement weather. This includes the Week 10 shipment for Snohomish County.

Additional first dose appointments are not available at the Snohomish County Vaccine Taskforce mass vaccination sites until there is vaccine. There is no firm date for when those doses will arrive. For people who are nearly at or just past the target date for a second dose, registration for your second dose appointment may be delayed pending the arrival of vaccine. Keep in mind that though you may not be vaccinated exactly on your target date for the second dose, it still will be an effective vaccine when you get it. The second dose of the

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be scheduled for administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose.

More than 76,000 people in Snohomish County have received at least a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Over 18,000 are fully vaccinated, having received a second dose.

Reminder: Vaccination at these sites is by appointment only, and for those eligible in the current phase. More info: www.bit.ly/SnoCoHub or call the Snohomish Health District's COVID hotline at 425-339-5278.



- **Snohomish Health District Testing Sites:** Due to decreasing demand, the Everett Community College testing site has closed. This will allow SHD staff to reallocate their support toward vaccine sites.
 - 3900 Broadway, Everett: Open 7 days a week from 9am-4pm
 - 5320 176th St SW, Lynnwood: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-4pm
**A testing tent that was damaged by winter weather has now been repaired.*
 - Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe: Monday – Thursday 9am-4pm
 - Sultan Elementary walk-up site: Friday 9am-3pm.

Testing is for COVID-19 and is by appointment only. Register and find more info at www.snohd.org/testing.

- **VIDEO: Stay safe after vaccination:** The COVID vaccine is safe and effective, but no vaccine offers 100% protection, and it will take time to vaccinate enough people for widespread immunity. Even if you've gotten both doses, it's important to keep up the same preventive measures we've been relying on throughout this pandemic. Don't let your guard down yet. This isn't forever, just for now.

Stay smart... after you're vaccinated!



[Watch Video](#)

- **Snohomish County and the Snohomish Health District publishes second edition of multicultural newsletter:** This newsletter is used to share updated information as well as translated materials and/or graphics that may be helpful for partners agencies and community organizations through the County to use.

The latest edition includes:

- COVID-19 vaccine FAQs – English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi, Russian, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Vietnamese.
- What to expect after getting a COVID-19 vaccine (CDC) – English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, more languages.
- COVID-19 testing information sheet – English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, Chinese (simplified), Japanese, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi, Russian, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Vietnamese.

Read the full [newsletter](#).



- **Overdose deaths were up 38% in first half 2020** - Overdose deaths accelerated in Washington in 2020, increasing by 38% in the first half of 2020 compared to the first half of 2019. Most of that increase came from deaths involving the powerful opioid fentanyl.

[Preliminary data](#) show 835 overdose deaths in the first six months of 2020 compared to 607 deaths in the first half of 2019. Fentanyl-involved deaths more than doubled from 137 to 309 during that time. Most deaths involved multiple substances. The increase in overdose deaths

was highest among groups already dealing with inequitable health outcomes: American Indian/Alaska Natives, Hispanic/Latinx, and Black people.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us,” said Bob Lutz, state medical advisor for the COVID-19 response. “Those Washingtonians with substance use disorder may have found themselves using more frequently, and unfortunately, the data suggest they are also overdosing more often.”

See the [full press release](#) for more information

- **Health District Warns of Vaccine Scams:** We know that people are eager to be vaccinated against COVID-19 but be sure to check reliable sources for information on how to get your vaccine. Remember that you should not be asked to pay out pocket to reserve a COVID vaccine or make an appointment.



WARNING: LEARN TO SPOT VACCINATION SCAMS

- COVID-19 vaccines are available at healthcare providers, pharmacies and mass vaccination sites in Snohomish County.
- There are no pre-payments required to "get in line" for vaccinations.
- Vaccines are NOT available for purchase online.
- You cannot pay for early access.
- Vaccines must be administered by licensed medical professionals.
- You should not be charged for your vaccine.
- If you have questions, please contact the COVID call center at 425-339-5278.

Turn to your doctor, clinic, or other reliable sources if you are uncertain whether a message or email about COVID vaccine is legitimate.



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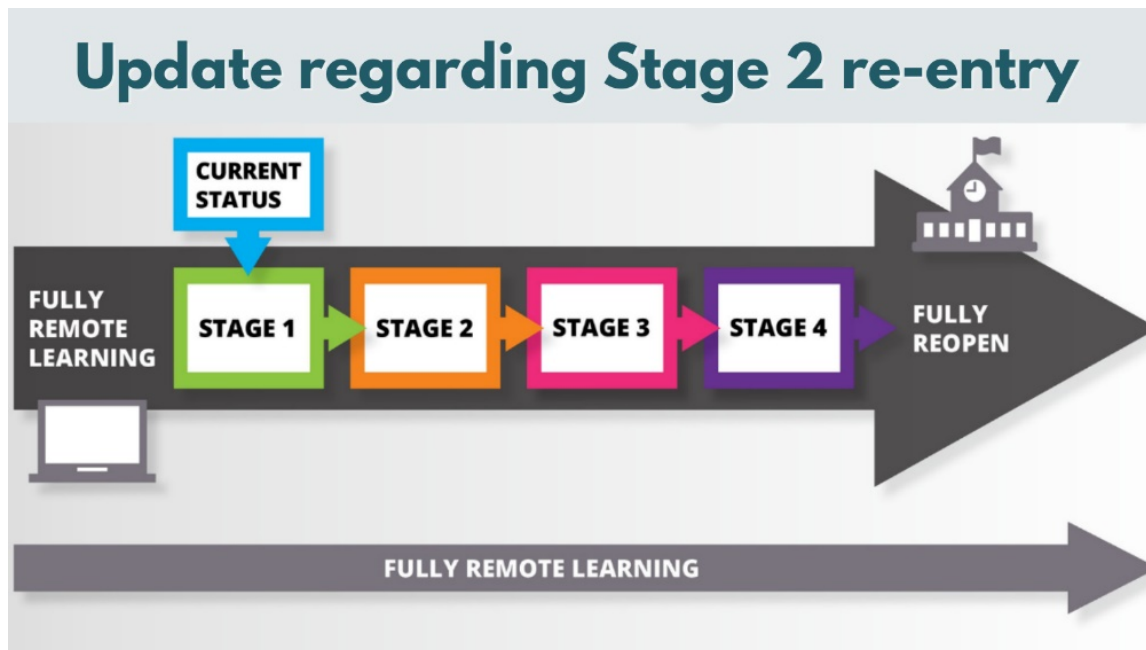
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- **Governor Signs \$2.2 billion COVID relief bill:** Gov. Jay Inslee signed legislation allocating \$2.2 billion in federal COVID-19 relief funding (HB 1368). Funds included in the bill will go to a wide range of COVID impacts, including \$668 million to K-12 public schools as they move toward welcoming students back to the classroom, \$618 million for vaccine administration, contact tracing and testing, and \$365 million for rental assistance to help renters and

landlords affected by the pandemic. An additional \$240 million in grant dollars were allocated for small business impacted by the pandemic. Funding was also included for childcare facilities, food banks, and undocumented workers who don't qualify for state assistance.

- **Edmonds School District:** The Edmonds School District and the Edmonds Education Association have reached a tentative agreement on Stage 2 of ESD's Re-Entry Plan. Stage 2 offers in-person learning for grades K-2 beginning at the end of March.



- **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.