

COVID-19 Council Update

March 1, 2021

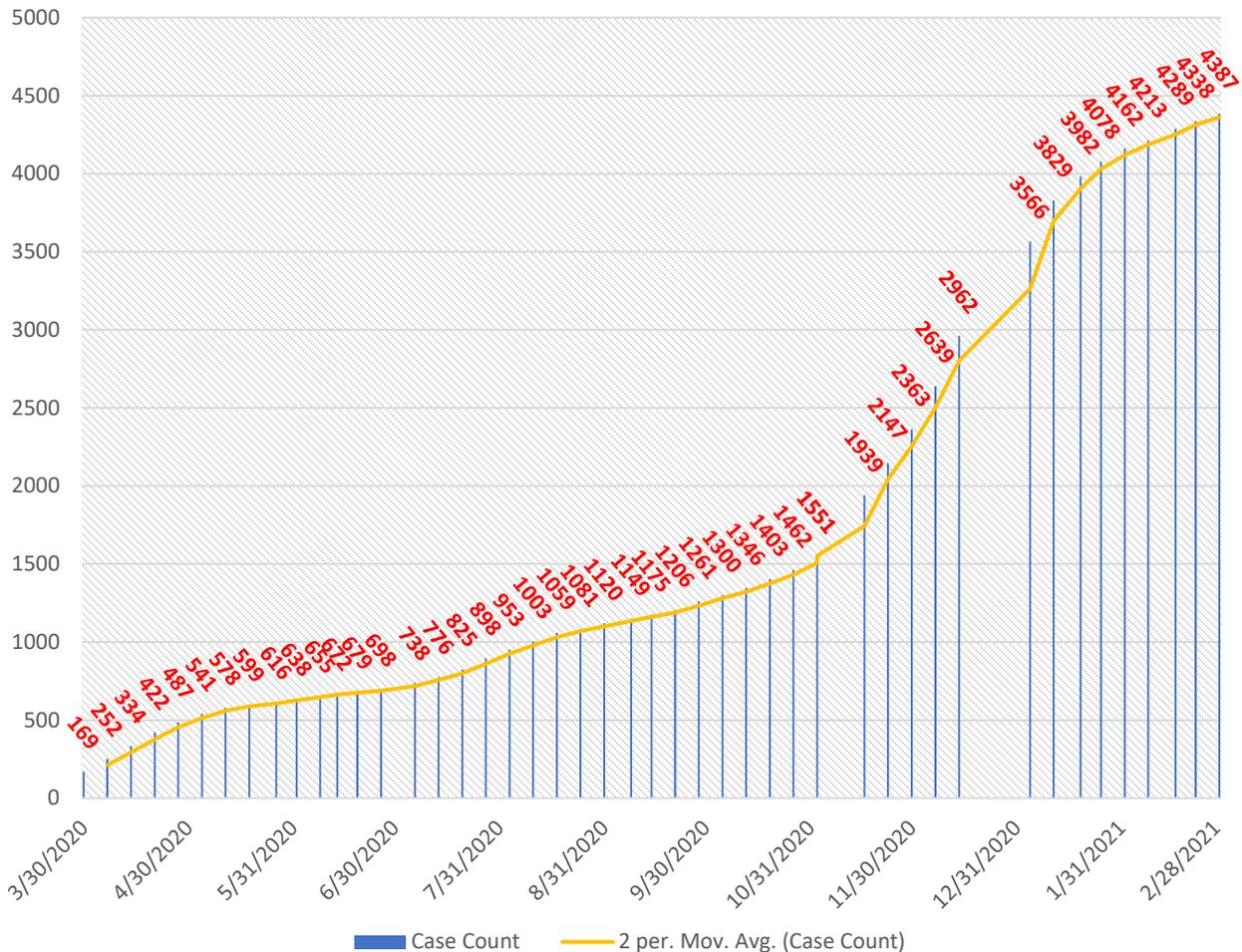
Current Statistics as of 3/01/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 30,958 30,475 Confirmed/Probable cases (+483 cases from 2/22)
 - 450 Deaths
 - 1,937 Hospitalizations
 - 25 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 5 patients requiring ventilators

- **Washington State** – 340,708 Confirmed/Probably Cases
 - 4,969 Deaths statewide
 - 19,372 Hospitalizations
 - 1.5% of Deaths/Total Cases

- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,387 Cases (+49 from 2/22) – 4,068 recovered
 - 69 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending

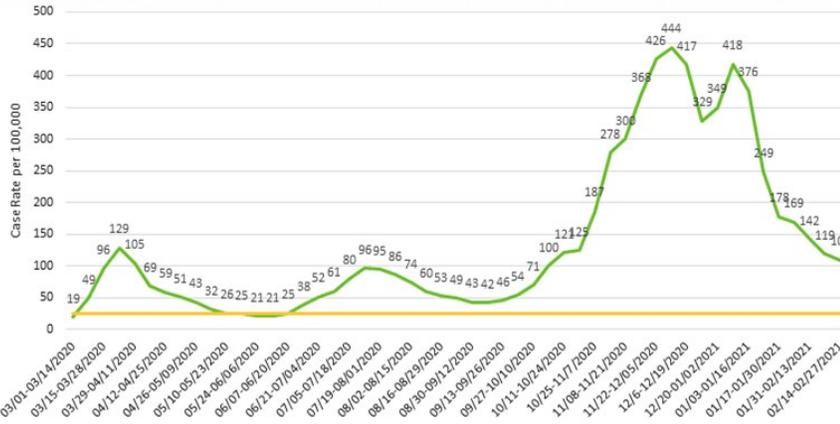


*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

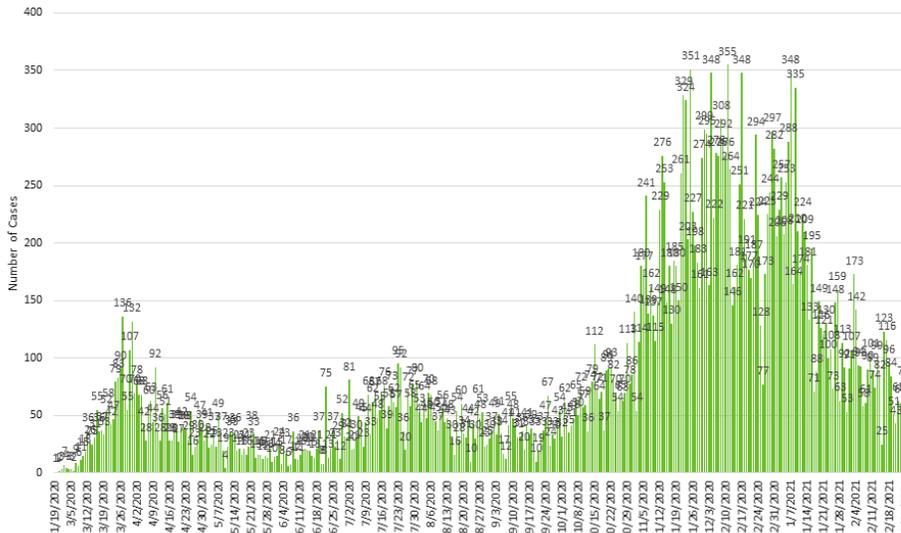
Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** Snohomish County has seen another slight decrease in COVID case rates, to 109 per 100,000. Let's make sure we don't lose that momentum. We don't want to plateau near 100 cases per 100,000. Wear your mask, watch your distance and wash your hands to help keep driving the case rate down.

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 Surpasses 500 COVID Deaths:** Snohomish County in February passed the grim milestone of 500 COVID deaths. The first COVID death in the county was reported March 2, 2020.

The U.S. earlier this week surpassed 500,000 COVID deaths.

- FDA, CDC sign off on Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine:** On the heels of the FDA Emergency Use Authorization issuance on Saturday, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, on Sunday signed the CDC's official recommendation that endorses the safety and effectiveness of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19. This action clears the way for the J&J single dose vaccine to be administered across the country.

The J&J vaccine is the third safe, effective COVID-19 to receive EUA and the CDC’s official recommendation for use and comes at a pivotal time. CDC’s latest data suggest that declines in COVID-19 cases may be leveling off at still very high numbers.

“I know that many Americans look forward to rolling up their sleeves with confidence as soon as a COVID-19 vaccine is available to them” Walensky said. “Having different types of vaccines available for use, especially ones with different dosing recommendations and storage and handling requirements, can offer more options and flexibility for the public, jurisdictions and vaccine providers.”

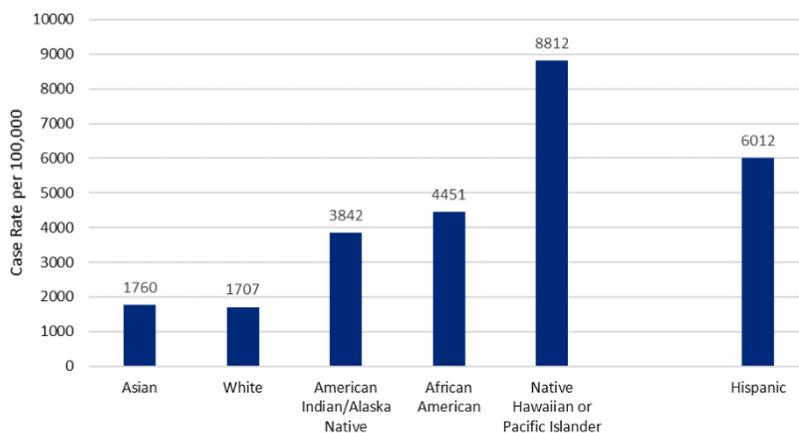
- **Health District Releases New COVID Case and Vaccine Data:** The Snohomish Health District has released three new reports, providing more insight into COVID-19 transmission, outbreaks and vaccination efforts in Snohomish County.

A monthly report analyzing race and ethnicity data for COVID-19 cases was updated through February 12. The data show that Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders have the highest case rate in Snohomish County, which was 5.2 times higher than non-Hispanic Whites. COVID-19 infection rates are also higher for Latinx (3.6 times), Blacks (2.8 times), and American Indian/Alaska Native (2.5 times), compared to non-Hispanic Whites.

Hospitalization rates were also higher for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders (4.0 times), American Indian/Alaska Native (2.2 times), and Latinx (1.9 times), compared to non-Hispanic Whites.

Death rates are higher for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders (2.6 times), compared to non-Hispanic Whites. A higher death rate (1.6 times) was also noted for American Indian/Alaska Native, but statistical analysis could not exclude that this difference was due to chance. It is important to note that once someone is diagnosed with COVID-19, the risk of death in Snohomish County is similar across groups. This suggests that increased exposure to the virus—not a biological difference in susceptibility—drives the higher rate of poor outcomes due to COVID-19 seen in across race and ethnicity groups.

**COVID-19 Case Rates per 100,000 by Race and Ethnicity
(March 2020 – February 12, 2021) – Snohomish County**



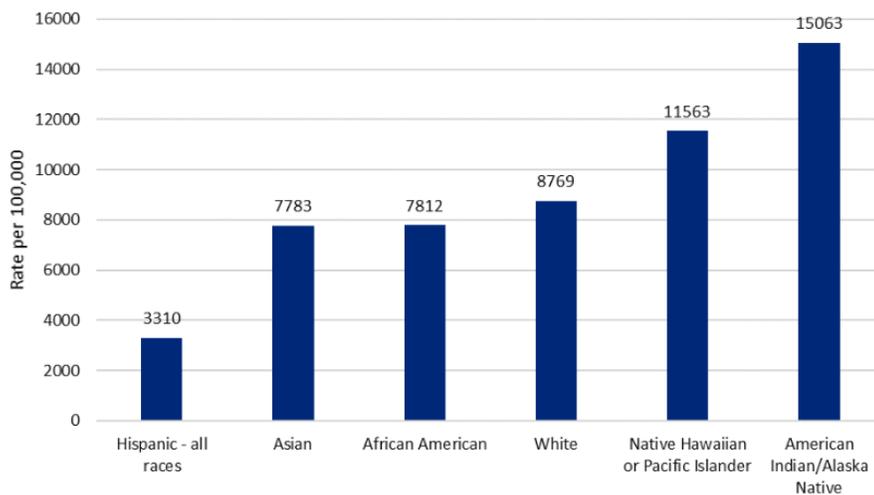
The third report is the first look at demographic data for vaccines administered through February 14. The 86,966 Snohomish County residents vaccinated up to that point represent 10.4% of the county’s total population. Sixty-one percent were female and 46 percent were people 65 years of age and older. These figures reflect a larger number of women in healthcare, along with older adults, both groups that have been prioritized in the early phases of the emergency vaccination effort.

Overall, 31 percent of Snohomish County adults that are 65 years of age or older had been vaccinated. When looking at race and ethnicity, the highest vaccination rates have been in Native Americans and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.

Latinx vaccination rates are far below those seen in other groups, 38 percent of that for non-Hispanic Whites.

“This gap could be due to differences in the age distribution compared to other race and ethnicity groups, and possibly less employment in the healthcare sector,” said Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District. “However, these findings also raise concern about our Latinx communities’ trust in and access to vaccination. We’ll be working with partners in Snohomish County to help see that gap close as vaccination efforts progress to include essential workers and other phases moving forward.”

**COVID-19 Vaccination Rates per 100,000 by Race/Ethnicity
(December 17, 2020 – February 14, 2021) – Snohomish County**

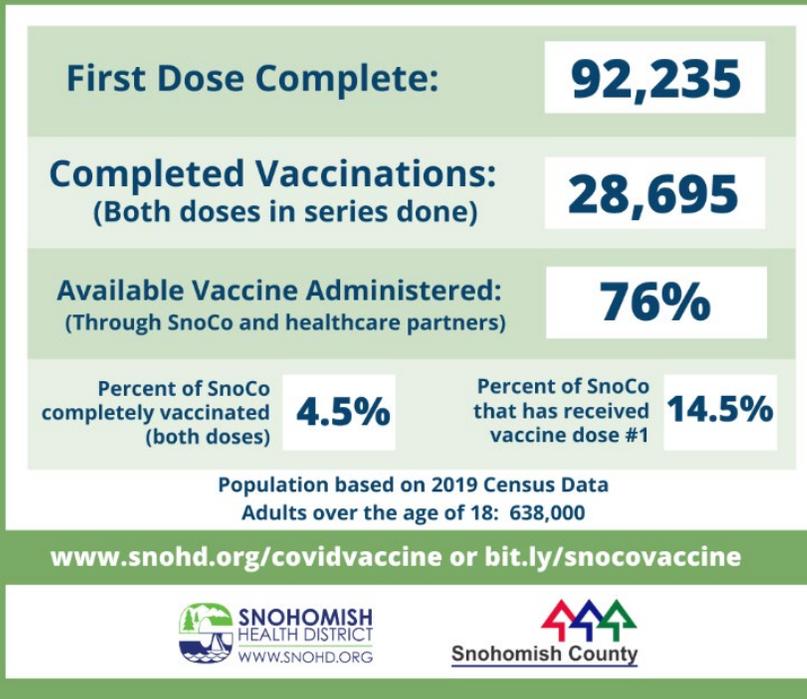


- **Snohomish County Vaccination Update:** Progress continues in providing COVID-19 vaccines in Snohomish County. While there have been challenges, particularly with supply, enough people now are fully vaccinated to fill Angel of the Winds Arena to capacity nearly three times over.

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.

Vaccination Progress

As of February 20, 2021



- **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
 - 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.

- **American Rescue Plan Passed by US House of Representatives:** Early Saturday morning, the US House of Representatives voted to pass the American Rescue Plan Act by a final vote of 219-212. The Act will now move to the US Senate for consideration.

The Act could bring \$4.3 billion to the State of Washington, \$160,684,032 to Snohomish County and approximately \$7,116,043 to the City of Lynnwood for COVID relief efforts. Additional funds will go to local transit, healthcare, housing and aerospace.

Representative Rick Larsen released a [press release](#) with more detailed information.

- **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.