

COVID-19 Council Update

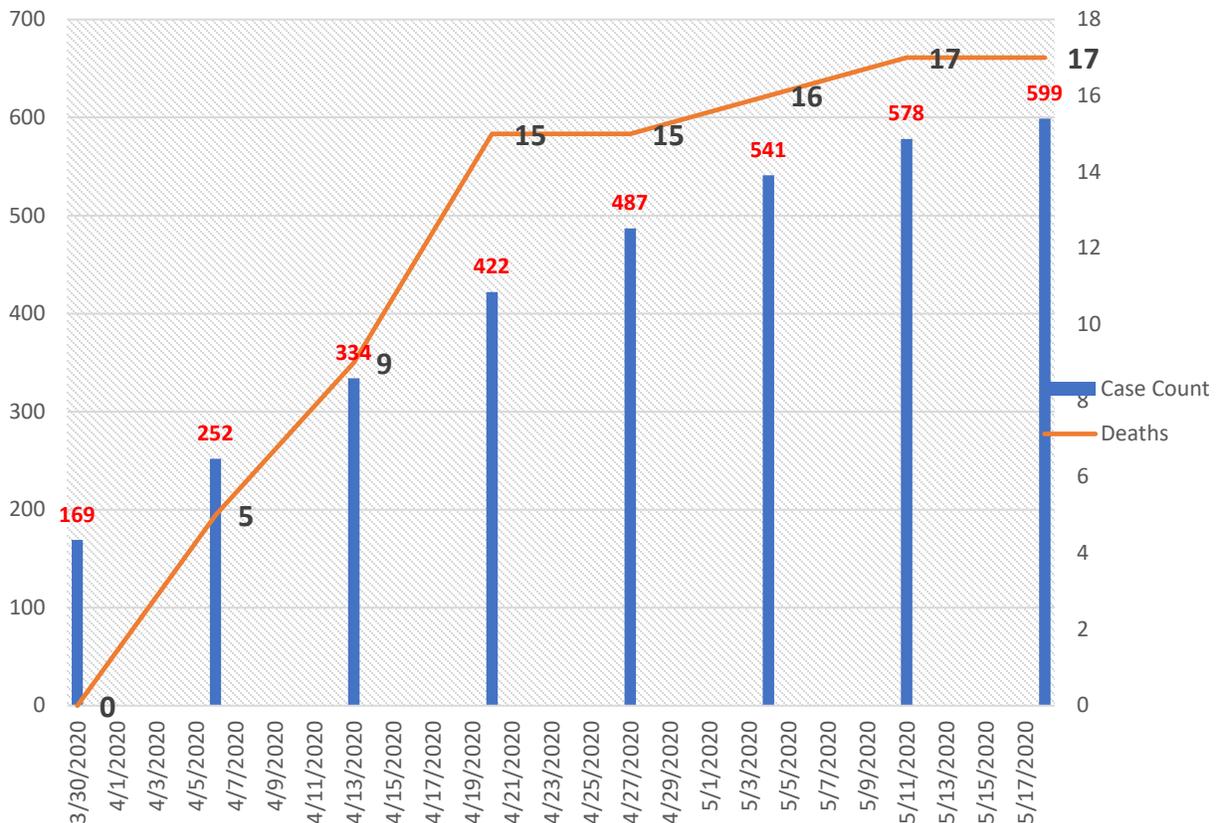
May 18, 2020

Current Statistics as of 05/18/2020:

- Snohomish County – 3,126 confirmed and probable cases (+155 from May 11, 2020)
 - 126 deaths countywide (+7 from May 11, 2020)
- Washington State – 18,433 confirmed and probable cases (+1,542 from May 11, 2020)
 - 1,001 deaths statewide (+70 from May 11, 2020)
 - Total tests administered statewide 285,243, with 6.5% positive (slight downward trend)
- City of Lynnwood - 599 Cases – 431 recovered (71.9%) (+21 from May 4, 2020)
 - 17 deaths in Lynnwood (no change)
- Starting May 8, the Health District will no longer providing a daily breakdown of cases and deaths at individual long-term care facilities. Total number of cases and deaths associated with long-term care facilities will be provided daily Monday-Friday, and a breakdown by individual long-term care facilities will be updated weekly
- Lynnwood Trends:

Date	3/30/20	4/6/20	4/13/20	4/20/20	4/27/20	5/04/20	5/11/20	5/18/20
Case Count	169	252	334	422	487	541	578	599
Deaths	0	5	9	15	15	16	17	17

Lynnwood Trending



- Demographics:
Lynnwood

City	Lynnwood	
Row Labels	Count of Age Group	
0-14		16
15-19		8
20-29		81
30-39		101
40-49		99
50-59		118
60-69		70
70-79		39
80+		53
Grand Total		585

*Numbers as of 5/14/2020

Status Update:

- We are actively in Phase 1 of Governor Jay Inslee’s four-phase approach to returning to public life. Governor Inslee stated that the best-case scenario would be a full re-opening of Washington on July 13, 2020. Phase 1 began on May 5th. Recent updates to that plan have included:
 - Some outdoor recreation – hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, hiking. Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course re-opened on May 5th with new restrictions to follow proper physical/social distancing requirements. We just received guidance that we can allow foursomes of non-related guests.
 - Drive in spiritual services
 - Business/Employers: essential businesses, existing construction, landscaping, automobile sales, retail for curbside pick up only, car washes, housecleaning, and pet walkers.
 - It is anticipated that elective surgeries and dental services will be allowed to commence tomorrow, May 19th, barring any changes to current orders or proclamations.

Phase 2 is anticipated to begin June 1, Phase 3 June 22, and Phase 4 July 13.

- We are set to receive an order of 1,000 face coverings tomorrow. These will be issued to all staff with a concentration on those who provide direct services to the public. We will receive another shipment in 1-2 weeks. This remaining shipment should provide enough face coverings for all city staff to work throughout the workweek with a fresh mask each day.
- We have discontinued collecting daily staffing reports from all city departments except police. Staffing numbers, and levels of illness, have remained consistent throughout the pandemic. Police and jail staffing numbers are still required daily by the Department of Emergency Management.
- As of last week, the EOC has ceased producing weekly Incident Action Plans (IAP's). The plans have remained largely unchanged over the last several weeks. As the departments have created sound COOP plans, and given the progressive steps to reopen society, there appears to no longer be a need for an ongoing and active plan. Key EOC staff will remain in their assignments during the phased state implementation plan and during recovery efforts.
- Messaging continues to be a critical component of our City's response to this public health emergency. It is important for us to be actively communicating with our community members regarding important health messaging, community resiliency and engagement efforts. The next edition of Inside Lynnwood is under production and it anticipated to be delivered to residents the first week of June. This edition is primarily focused on our City's response to COVID-19 and where residents can get resources.
- As you know we began a program several weeks ago called "Lynnwood Connects". This is a program in which Healthier Communities is partnering with South County Fire, Compass Health and Everett Housing Authority (who have three multi-unit complexes within the city) to receive referrals into our program. Enrolled community members are scheduled to receive a call within a three-hour window in the morning or afternoon Monday through Friday. Staff are assigned to community members to foster familiarity and to develop a rapport. Parks and Recreation Staff began placing weekly check-in calls to 15 community members on May 15. The calls have been successful in providing a friendly check-in and chat. Enrolled participants have expressed how thankful they are to have another way to socially connect.
- The Lynnwood Food Bank is hosting a drive through food drive next Saturday, May 23 9am-1pm. Those wishing to donate food or money can just drive through and drop their items at the Food Bank. The Food Bank reports a small dip in the number of residents served last week. Two weeks ago they received 400 food boxes from Food Lifeline and they expect another 400 boxes this weekend. The Food Bank has been a community location to donate and receive handmade cloth face coverings, thanks much in part to Council Members Shannon Sessions and Julieta Altamirano-Crosby.
- The court is planning to resume modified operations as early as June 1st with modified and carefully scheduled court calendars. The court has a preliminary plan in place which includes the following:
 - Court customers will be encouraged to leave correspondence in the court drop box on the 1st floor of the Criminal Justice Center.
 - A maximum number of 3 people will be allowed in the court lobby. Customers will be asked to stand in marked spaces distanced 6-feet apart.

- A maximum of 10 people (not including court staff and counsel) will be allowed in the courtroom. Separated seats will be numbered to affirm occupancy restrictions.
- Everyone entering the courtroom will be asked to use hand sanitizer.
- Masks will be provided by the court to those in attendance who did not bring one or do not have one.
- People will be allowed into the building at the time their hearing is scheduled and not before.
- Only participants to a case will be allowed in the courtroom. Visitors will be asked to wait outside.
- A live audio stream of the court hearings can be accessed on the court's website. www.lynnwoodwa.gov/court
- Defendants will receive all paperwork prior to leaving the courtroom. Defendants shall not stop at the clerk's office at the conclusion of their hearing. Defendants will be asked to call (425) 670-5100 or email the clerk's office at justice@lynnwoodw.gov with questions about their case.
- People waiting to gain access to either the lobby or courtroom will be asked to stand 6-feet apart in the outer lobby or outside the building.
- People shall not wait or congregate on the stairs.
- People who feel ill will be required to leave and contact their attorney.
- A Customer Service Professional (hired by the court) will be available to direct foot traffic in the court inner and outer lobby areas. They will manage the flow of people and ensure that people arriving for court have a mask if they did not bring their own.
- Court security officers must wear PPE when screening defendants.

We placed an order for a large amount of disposable face coverings last week. Those will arrive in advance of both the court opening and the opening of our other facilities. They will be required within the court. All of the courts within the county are requiring them. We are currently evaluating whether face coverings will be required by staff and visitors within all of our facilities when we open again to the public. If required, we will have the capacity to provide masks to the public if they do not have them. I am currently working with Rosemary to ascertain whether there are any legal challenges. Both the county and numerous other cities are also considering this same mandate.

- On Friday the Washington State Department of Commerce announced that local governments will soon be receiving their portion of the \$300 million in federal CARES Act funds awarded to the state to address COVID-19 related expenses. The funding is awarded to cities based on population, and the City of Lynnwood is set to receive up to \$1,188,000. Funds may be used for costs incurred by the local government in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1 through December 31, 2020. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:
 - Medical and public health expenses
 - Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the emergency.
 - Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures.
 - Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the emergency.

- Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

We are still awaiting final instructions from the Department of Commerce as to when the funding will be accessible and the specifics of the contracts. I have personally left messages with our identified contact at the Department of Commerce and will pass along any information that becomes available.

That being said, the administration is currently working with the departments to calculate existing costs, determine needs that still exist within the departments and holistically within the city that will be covered by the CARES Act, as well as projecting our needs through the remainder of the year. This can be particularly challenging given the unknown of what challenges the fall may present if the virus reemerges in strength. We hope to have these costs, and estimates, completed within the next 1-2 weeks.

What is clear is that a considerable amount of money will be available to the city for other programmatic uses. Examples of this include economic support for care of homeless populations to mitigate the effects of COVID-19, grants to small businesses to reimburse the cost of business interruptions caused by closures, food delivery to residents/seniors/vulnerable populations, and so forth.