

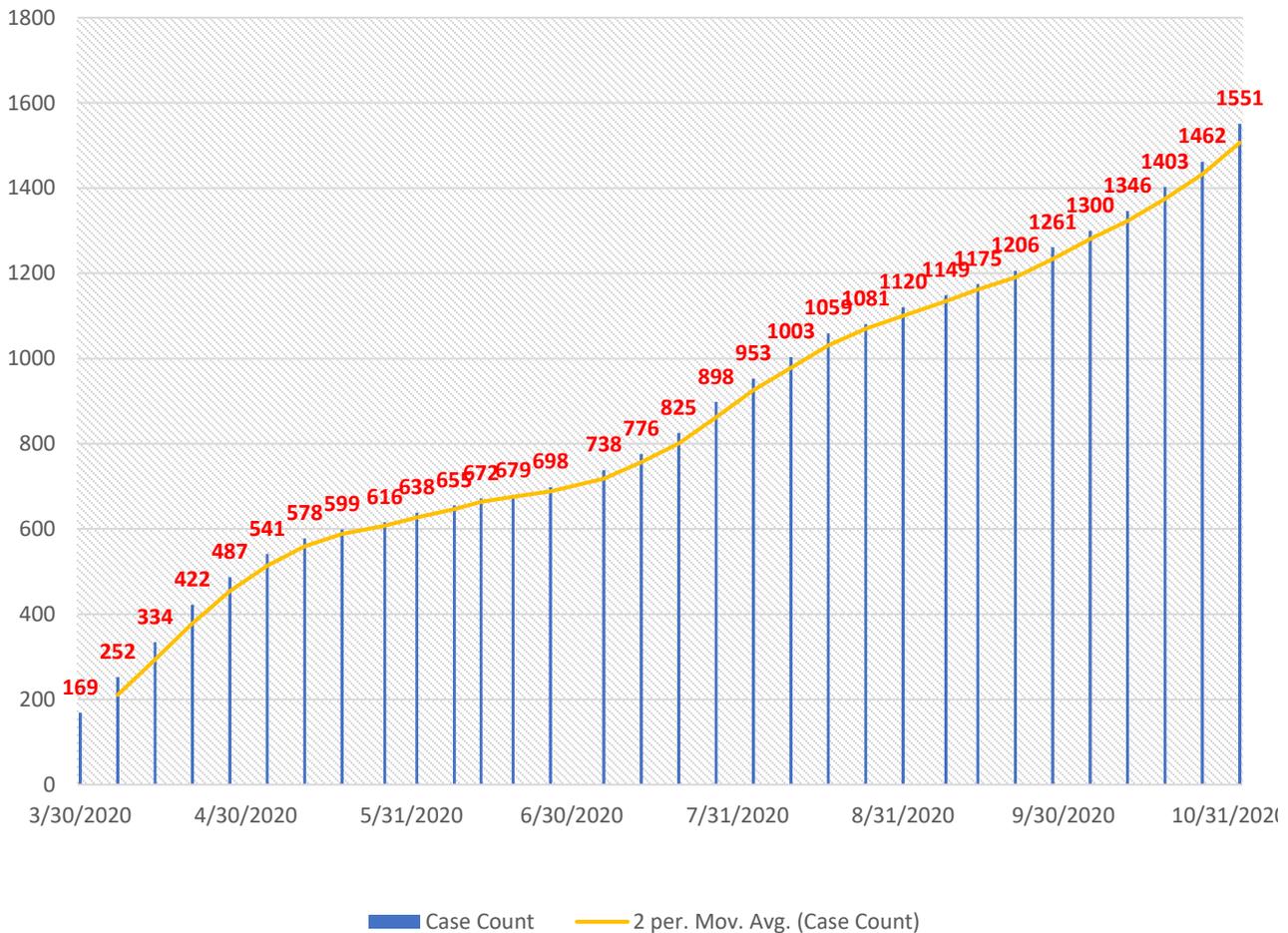
# COVID-19 Council Update

## November 2, 2020

### Current Statistics as of 11/02/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 10,494 Confirmed/Probable cases (+614 cases from 10/26)
  - 233 Deaths
  - 931 Hospitalizations
- **Washington State** – 108,315 Confirmed cases; (+4,815 from 10/26)
  - 2,366 Deaths statewide
  - 8,611 Hospitalizations
  - 2.2% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 1,551 Cases (+89 from 10/26) – 1,211 recovered
  - 33 Deaths

### Lynnwood Trending



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

## Status Update:

- **COVID:** Snohomish County is continuing to see rising case rates. The preliminary rate for the most recent two-week period is the second highest we've seen since the pandemic began.

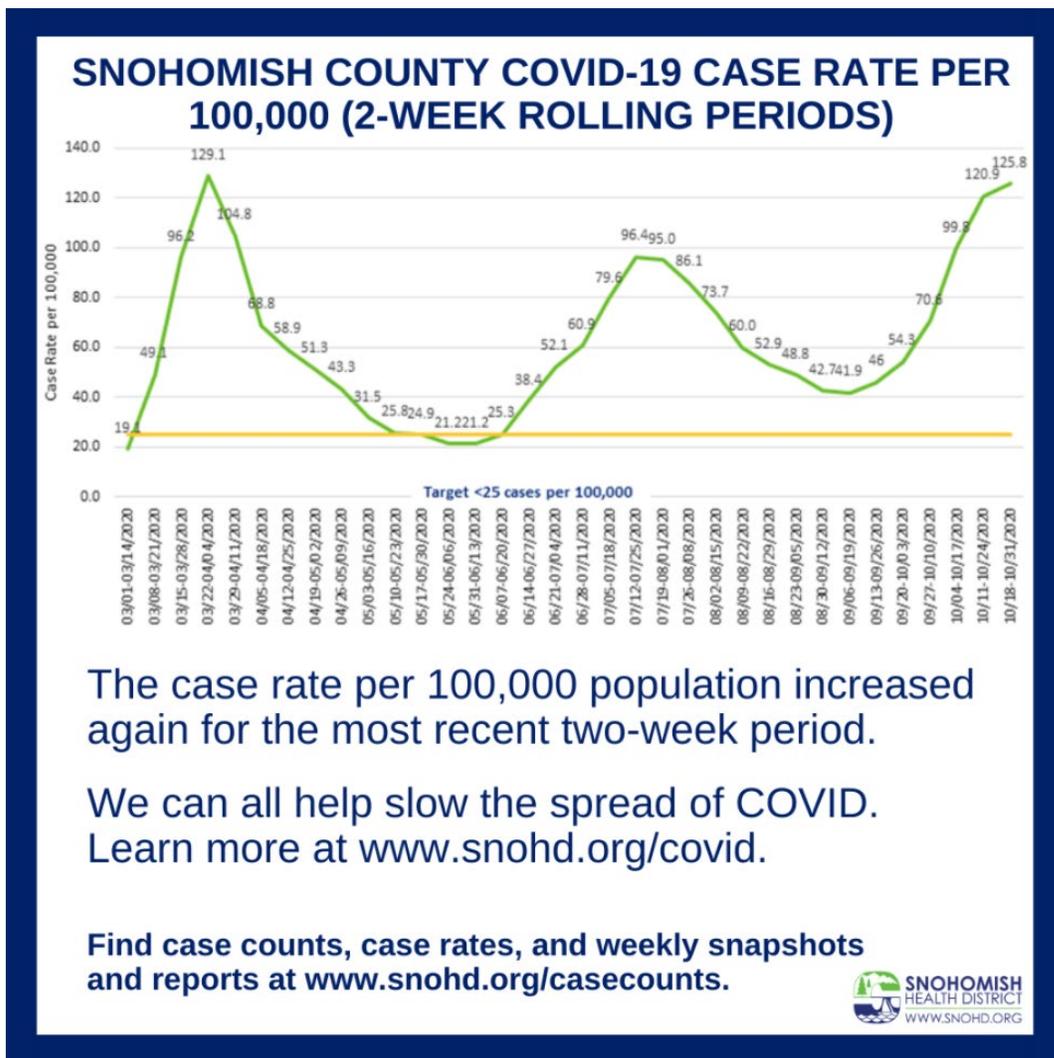
We can all take action to help fight the fall and winter surge of respiratory illnesses, particularly COVID-19. Mask up when around anyone who is not part of your household, stay home if you are ill, wash your hands, clean and sanitize the surfaces you touch most often, and avoid gatherings. If you are socializing with people you don't live with, be sure to wear a mask, keep distance (six feet or more) from non-household members, and meet outside or in an area with good ventilation.

Find more info at [www.snohd.org/covid](http://www.snohd.org/covid). And check out more detailed information, including hospitalizations, deaths, and other data, in the weekly reports and snapshots.

Latest snapshot: [https://www.snohd.org/.../5533/Data\\_Snapshot\\_2020\\_Oct-26](https://www.snohd.org/.../5533/Data_Snapshot_2020_Oct-26)

Weekly report:

[https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/5534/Weekly\\_rpt\\_10172020?bidId=](https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/5534/Weekly_rpt_10172020?bidId=)



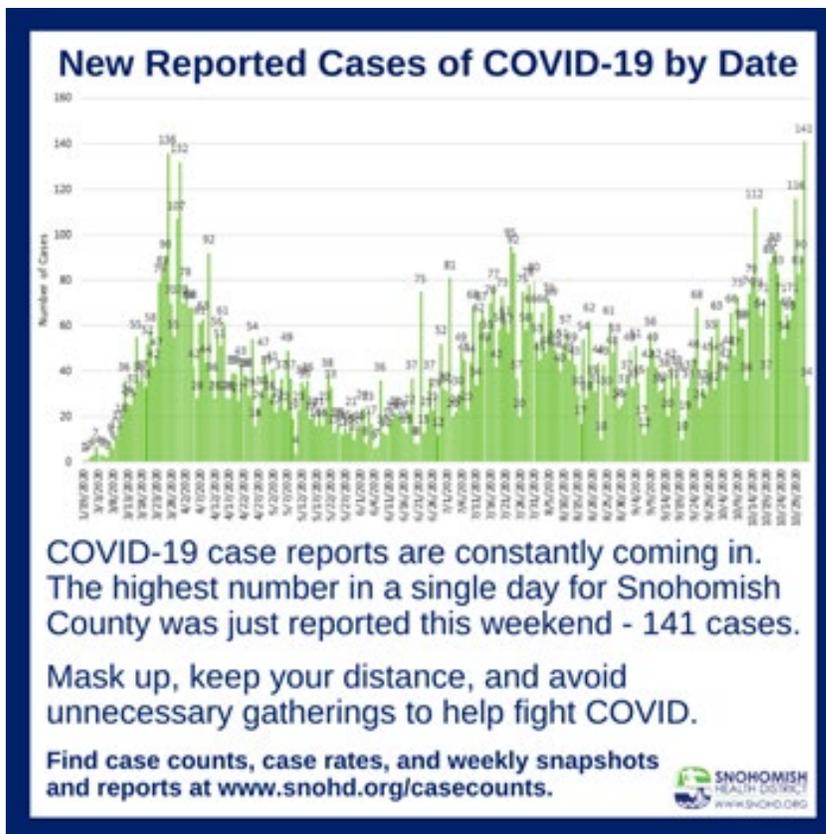
- **County Sees Its Highest-Ever One-Day COVID Count:** Over the weekend, Snohomish County saw its single highest one-day total of new reported cases – 141. The Snohomish Health District is receiving reports of between 50 and 100-plus new cases each day.

We've been asked how people can help address this pandemic. In general, people are doing great wearing masks in public settings, like the grocery store or while running errands. But are you wearing masks when getting together at a friend's house? What about when carpooling or on a lunch break with a coworker? We can't let our guard—or mask—down unless we're at home with household members.

COVID cases are rising across Washington. The state Department of Health on Friday reported 1,047 new COVID cases in a single day. The number was [a new daily high since mid-July](#).

In light of a potential fall surge, the Department of Health [recently encouraged Washingtonians to flatten the curve once again](#). The new numbers provide more evidence that the surge isn't coming – it's here. These upward trends threaten the progress we've made toward containment, and could impede other important statewide progress in the future.

"We are also concerned about the risk of overwhelming our hospital systems when we see cases spike like this," says Dr. Kathy Lofy, State Health Officer. "Our hospitals do not have unlimited capacity."



- **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:** Outdoor testing sites are open.

Everett Testing:

- The Health District is offering drive through testing at the 3900 Broadway site Monday – Friday, November 2-6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lynnwood Testing:

- The Health District will be offering testing at the [Lynnwood Food Bank](#) on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5320 176th St SW.

- **Free Flu Shots Available for Uninsured Adults:** The state [Department of Health](#) is collaborating with Safeway Inc. and Albertsons Companies LLC to offer no-cost influenza (flu) vaccination for uninsured adults over the age of 18 to help prevent flu illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health officials are concerned that the presence of both viruses could put more people in the hospital and strain Washington’s health care system.

Twenty-three Albertsons and Safeway pharmacies across the state will offer flu vaccine free of charge through June 2021 to uninsured adults. The pharmacies will not charge an administration fee, and no proof of residency or immigration status will be required.

Adults who have insurance should also get vaccinated now. Flu vaccine for those age 19 and older is covered by most insurance companies and by Medicare and Apple Health (Medicaid). Washington also provides flu vaccine, and all recommended vaccines, at no cost to everyone under the age of 19.

- **Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund:** If you’re an immigrant experiencing hard times because of COVID-19, and you aren’t eligible for federal financial relief or unemployment insurance, this fund is for you. Apply for the Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund and receive a \$1,000 one-time direct payment (up to \$3,000 per household). If you need help, call 1-844-724-3737 (Mon-Fri, 9AM-9PM)

More information, in English and Spanish, and grant applications, can be found at: <https://www.immigrantreliefwa.org/>

- **Understanding Close Contact and COVID:** What should you do if you are exposed to COVID-19 through a close contact? The Joint Information Center has prepared a brief video with guidance on how best to keep yourself and others safe. More information also is available at <http://bit.ly/CloseContacts>
- **Childcare Help is Available:** Supporting your family’s need to balance employment and child care is vital during this challenging time. **Snohomish County** and its partner nonprofits,

the **YMCA – Snohomish County** and **Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County**, are here to help.

The County is offsetting a portion of the child care costs at its partner nonprofits through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

YMCA -- Snohomish County: 425-374-5779

Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County: 425-315-7082

More information is available in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Russian, and English here: [bit.ly/2Srkwvf](http://bit.ly/2Srkwvf).

- **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	\$500,000
▪ Community Relief Fund	\$200,000
▪ Round 2 of Business Relief Fund	\$300,000
▪ Additional Community Relief Funding	\$50,000
▪ Additional city expenses related to COVID-19	\$194,000
▪ Grant to the Lynnwood Food Bank	\$50,000
  - **Small Business Relief Grant Program Update:**
    - First round of grants went to a total of 50 local small businesses for a total investment of \$500,000.
    - Second round of grants will go to a total of 30 local small businesses for an additional investment of \$300,000.
    - Lynnwood's total investment into local small businesses is **\$800,000** through our Federal CARES Act Funding.
  - **Rental / Mortgage Assistance Program Update:**
    - Through October 31, C3 has distributed all funds and provided rental assistance grants to 268 households.
    - Grants have been in varying amounts from \$500-\$1,500 and are paid directly to the landlord.
  - **Grant to the Lynnwood Food Bank:** A grant agreement for \$50,000 to support operations at the Lynnwood Food Bank due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has been signed by both parties. The funds should be sent to the Food Bank within the next two weeks to support their efforts to support members of our community experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19.