

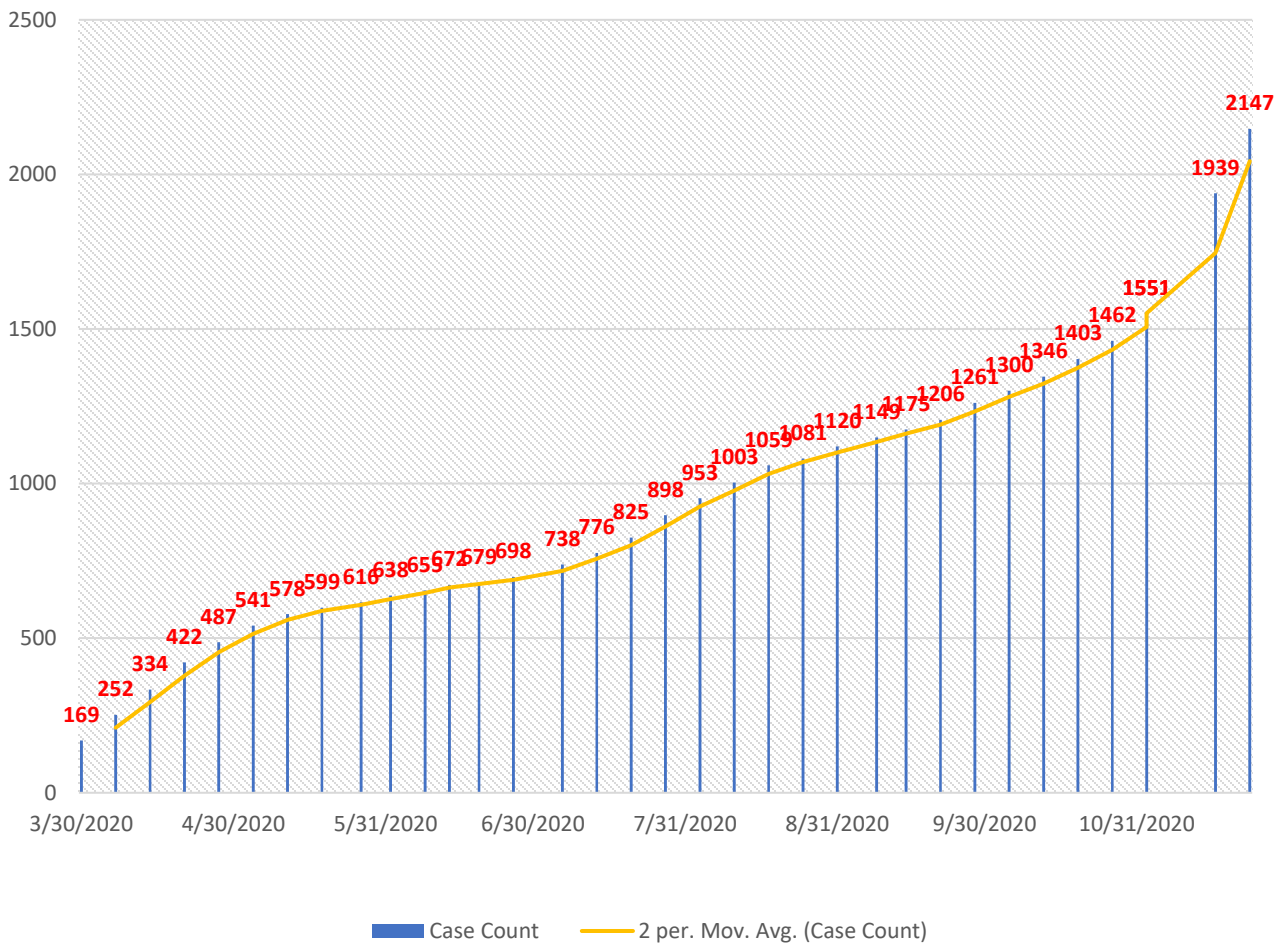
COVID-19 Council Update

November 23, 2020

Current Statistics as of 11/23/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 14,432 Confirmed/Probable cases (+1,478 cases from 11/16)
 - 261 Deaths (+14 from 11/16)
 - 1,041 Hospitalizations
- **Washington State** – 141,260 Confirmed cases; (+11,220 from 11/16)
 - 2,619 Deaths statewide (+100 deaths from 11/16)
 - 9,765 Hospitalizations
 - 1.9% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 2,147 Cases (+208 from 11/16) – 1,466 recovered
 - 33 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending



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

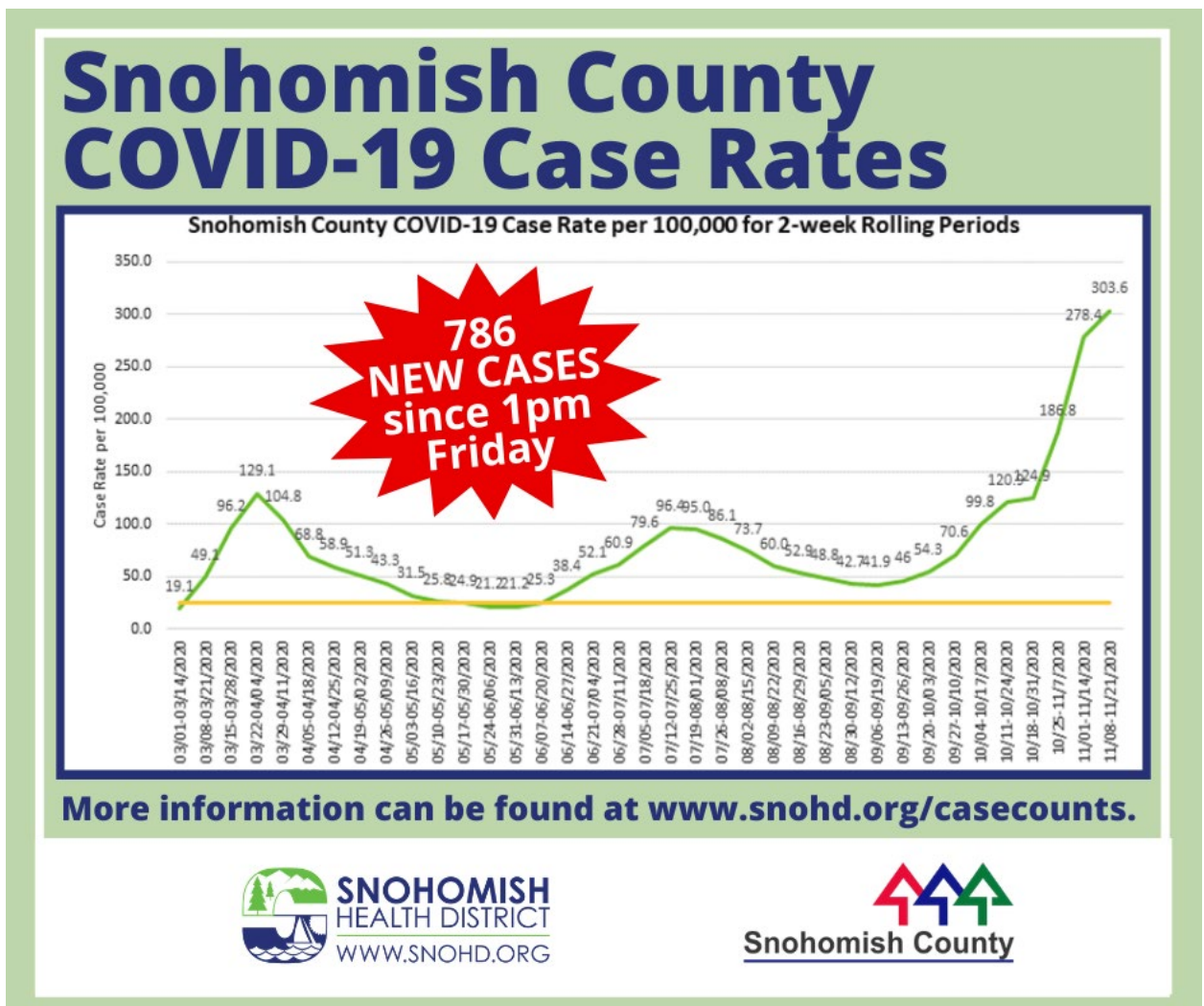
Status Update:

- **COVID:** Case rates are up again, surpassing 300 cases per 100,000 population for the last two weeks. On Sunday, Snohomish County also had more than 300 cases reported in a single day – a new record high daily case count.

We are seeing the dangerous impacts of these rising case rates. There are now 82 people hospitalized, including 70 confirmed COVID cases and 12 suspect cases (which generally means test results are pending but doctors believe the illness is COVID). Of those 82 patients, 11 are relying on mechanical ventilators to breathe.

As we head into a holiday weekend, please take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. Cancel any plans to host or attend an in-person Thanksgiving get-together. COVID doesn't take holidays, and we don't want you, your family or your friends included in these numbers in the next week or two.

We can all help turn this around, and we need to.

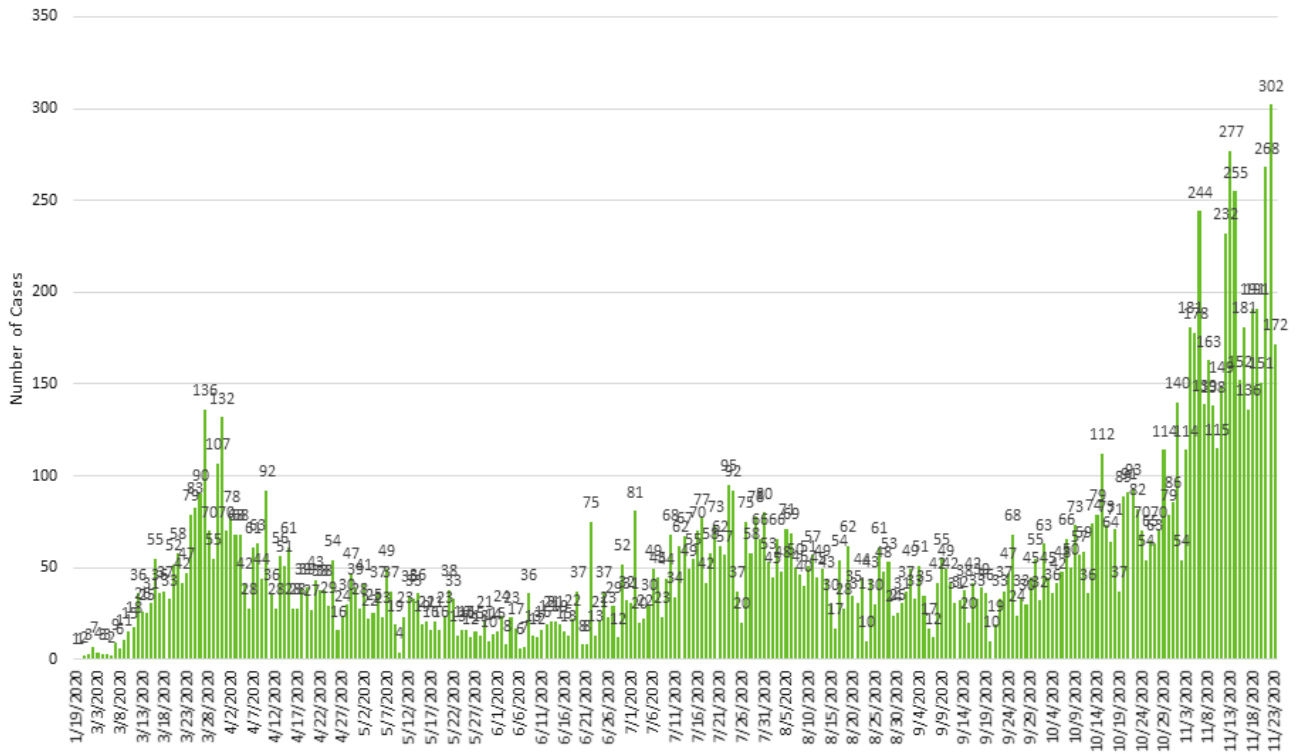


- **Snohomish County COVID-19 case rate shatters old single-day record from March :** Snohomish County’s high mark for single day confirmed COVID-19 cases from March has been shattered seven times during the past two weeks as the virus surges.

A new peak was established at 302 cases in a single day, racing past the previous first-wave peak back in March of 136 cases in a single day.

This pandemic has been a long haul already, and we’re still in it. Although it can be challenging, we need – now more than ever – for people to take steps to reduce the spread of illness.

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



• **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 is offering drive through testing.
 - Beginning on Monday, November 23, Everett Community College, located at 915 North Broadway, in the parking lot immediately south of the WSU Everett campus, will be an additional testing site.
 - Monday – Wednesday, November 23 -25 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. testing is offered at two drive through locations; 3900 Broadway, and 915 North Broadway
 - Testing will be closed on Thanksgiving and Friday, November 27.
 - To make an appointment, visit www.SnoHD.org/testing

- **Governor Inslee announces additional financial support funds for families and businesses impacted by COVID-19:** The economic support package totals \$135 million, which includes:
 - \$70 million in business support grants;
 - \$30 million for the recovery loan program;
 - \$20 million for rental assistance; and
 - \$15 million for energy bills for low-income households.

We will share more information about these grant opportunities, who qualifies, where to apply, as they become available.

- **Washington State Department of Health and Snohomish Health District Guidance to Thanksgiving Celebrations:** Due to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in Washington State and Snohomish County, public health officials are recommending that traditional Thanksgiving celebrations be foregone this year, and you should only celebrate with people you share a household with.



- **Steps to Address Increased Suicide Risk:** The COVID pandemic and civil unrest in our country has increased uncertainty for all of us, including our youth, and we cannot underestimate the impact. Physical and social distancing, increased isolation as cold weather approaches, school concerns, changes in relationships, and worries for family and friend’s health and the future of our country all contribute toward increased anxiety and despair. We must work to mitigate this to prevent further tragedy. This health advisory addresses the increased behavioral health challenges during this disillusionment phase of disaster response and provides resources.

It’s okay to not be okay. If you’re struggling, reach out for help. Here are some resources:

- North Sound 211 – dial 211 or www.voaww.org/northsound211
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255
- 24 Hour Care Crisis Line (VOA) 800-584-3578
- Care Crisis Chat 24/7 imhurting.org
- Catholic Community Services (mental health) 425-257-2111
- Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County 425-252-2873
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- Crisis Connections: 866-427-4747
- The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7386 www.thetrevorproject.org
- WA Listens (crisis line for stress related to COVID-19): 1-833-681-0211

- **Lynnwood Municipal Court Suspends Jury Trials:** Judge Stephen Moore and the Lynnwood Municipal Court has suspended Jury Trials to after January 15th, 2021. In the meantime, all other hearings (arraignment, pre-trial, probation, infraction, etc.) are being held by Zoom. All documents are mailed to defendants after their court proceeding has concluded and the court recording is available on the court's website once the entire calendar is over. The public can access all hearings live via YouTube.
- **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 Applied for Additional Grants from Snohomish County:** Last week, Snohomish County announced a new County-City partnership which would allocate some of Snohomish County's Federal CARES Act Funding to cities in support of economic development programs. On Friday, Lynnwood submitted a grant request, that if funded, would help support additional Small Business Relief Grants in our community. Award information should be available this week.