

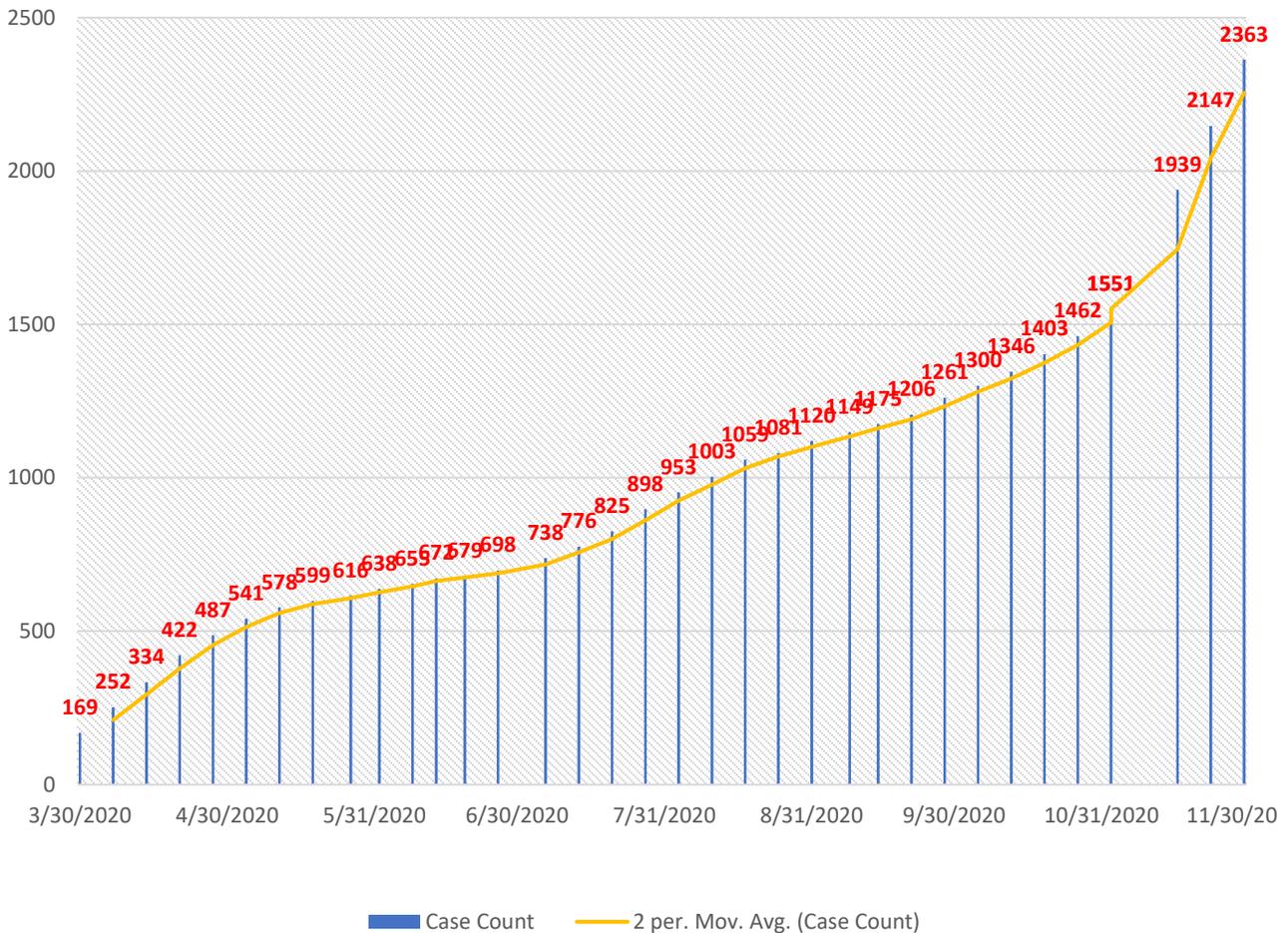
COVID-19 Council Update

November 30, 2020

Current Statistics as of 11/30/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 15,962 Confirmed/Probable cases (+1,530 cases from 11/23)
 - 290 Deaths (+15 from 11/23)
 - 1,179 Hospitalizations
- **Washington State** – 165,019 Confirmed cases; (+23,759 from 11/23)
 - 2,774 Deaths statewide (+155 deaths from 11/23)
 - 10,895 Hospitalizations
 - 1.7% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 2,363 Cases (+84 from 11/23) – 1,465 recovered
 - 33 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending



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

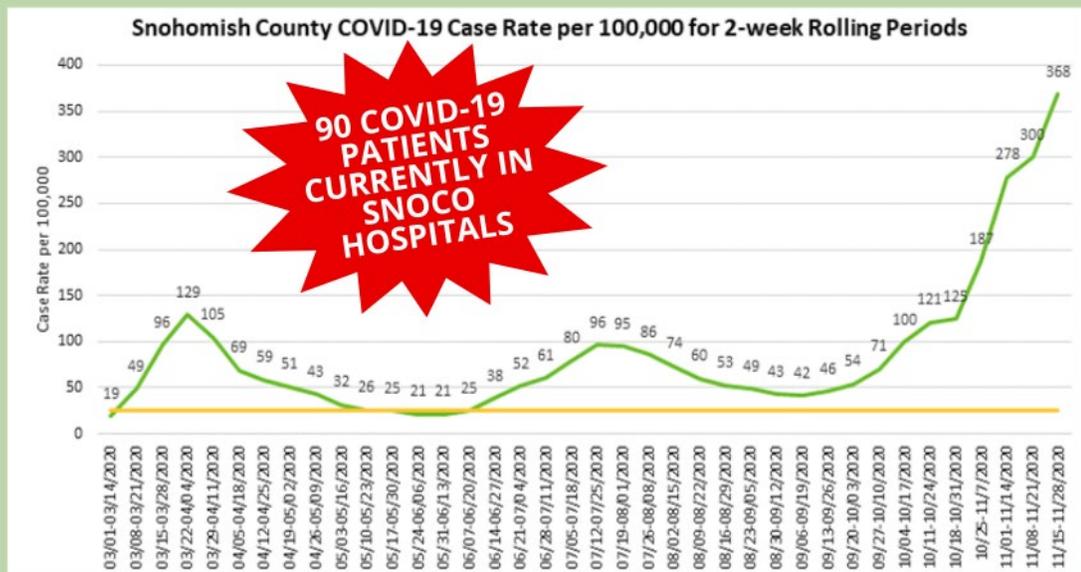
Status Update:

- **COVID:** For the tenth week in a row, the COVID-19 case rate in Snohomish County is climbing – and it's a steep climb. We are now at 368 cases per 100,000 population, compared to 300 last week.

As of this morning (November 30), there are 90 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Snohomish County hospitals. Of those, nine patients require mechanical ventilators to breathe.

The case rate per 100,000 factors in newly reported COVID cases over the last two-week period, ending November 28. Today's updated case rate does not reflect transmission that may have happened during Thanksgiving gatherings. We won't see any potential impacts from the holiday for a week or two, since it takes time for people to notice symptoms, get tested, and for the results to be processed and reported.

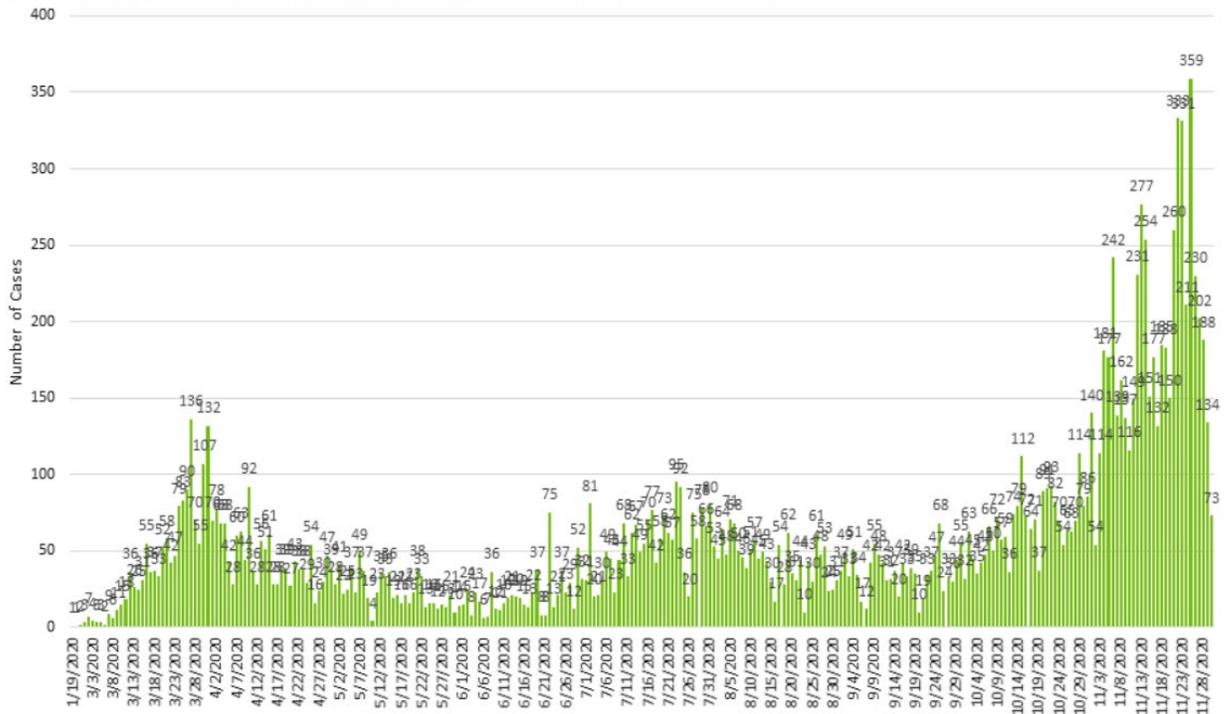
Snohomish County COVID-19 Case Rates



More information can be found at www.snohd.org/casecounts.



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 will be doubling the number of its testing sites to four locations for the next week:

Drive-Thru Testing: Nov. 28-Dec. 4

Register for an appointment & find more info at www.snohd.org/testing

Testing is available at 3900 Broadway in Everett:

- Seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Nov. 28

Testing is available at 915 N Broadway in Everett:

- Monday through Friday (Nov. 30-Dec. 4) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Testing is available at 5320 176th St SW in Lynnwood:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon

Testing is available at 501 Date St in Sultan:

- Friday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Testing is for COVID-19 and is by appointment. Results should be available in 2-3 calendar days.  **SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT**
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- **Five free, Drive-Thru COVID Testing Events:** The Verdant Health Commission and [Medical Teams International](#) will partner with local organizations to host free, drive-thru, non-invasive COVID-19 testing events on five dates during the month of December. The next events take place:
 - Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Mountlake Terrace High, 21801 44th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace
 - Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1-5 p.m. at Community Life Center, 19820 Scriber Lake Road, Lynnwood
 - Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Edmonds Food Bank, 828 Caspers St., Edmonds
 - Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Lynnwood Food Bank, 5320 176th St. S.W., Lynnwood
 - Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 1-7 p.m. at the Lynnwood Food Bank, 5320 176th St. S.W., Lynnwood
- **COVID vaccine distribution planning:** Hope for an eventual return to more normalcy appears to be on the distant horizon, with news of several vaccines nearing the finish line in their trials. The Snohomish Health District and Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management have been collaborating with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), local first responders, healthcare systems, pharmacies and other stakeholders to prepare for this since late-July, and that work is ongoing.

An interim COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan for Snohomish County and a plan overview were published Wednesday. The local plan is aligned with the interim state plan published by DOH. To see more about Washington's interim plan and frequently asked questions about the COVID vaccine, go to www.covidvaccinewa.org.

The first limited supplies of vaccine will target health care workers and first responders at high-risk for exposure, highly vulnerable populations like nursing homes, and older people with risk factors for severe disease.

As vaccination of those groups is achieved and the supply expands, efforts will broaden to include critical infrastructure and public safety personnel, other adults with medical risk factors for severe disease, and ultimately, the general population.

This will all take about 6-9 months to unfold. Although there is hope ahead, a vaccine will not resolve the current problem or get our communities back closer to "normal" for many, many months come. This means mid- to late-2021 before vaccines are broadly available for the general public.

Until then, everyone needs to continue masking up, maintaining physical distance, limiting social gatherings, keeping hands and surfaces clean, and staying home if sick.

Five things to know about COVID vaccine planning

Nov. 30, 2020



As Snohomish County faces an alarming third wave of COVID, the prospect of a vaccine is generating a lot of interest. Our latest blog focuses on these five things to keep in mind.

1. There will be a phased approach to vaccination.
2. Expect to need two doses.
3. Vaccines are thoroughly vetted before wide distribution.
4. The trials of the vaccine candidates suggest mild-to-moderate side effects are common. Severe side effects have not occurred.
5. We still need to keep up with our good health and COVID prevention habits.

Read the full blog at www.snohd.org/covid or www.snohd.org/publichealthessentials



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- **New Statewide COVID-19 Exposure Notification Tool:** Gov. Jay Inslee, along with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), today announced the launch of WA Notify, a simple, anonymous exposure notification tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19. By adding WA Notify to their smartphones, Washington residents will be alerted if they spent time near another WA Notify user who later tests positive for COVID-19.

WA Notify uses privacy-preserving technology jointly developed by Google and Apple and works without collecting or revealing any location or personal data.

“Secure, private and anonymous exposure notification technology is an important tool for Washington,” Inslee said Monday. “We’ve deployed WA Notify in 29 languages so as many Washington residents as possible can protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities. I encourage everyone to start using WA Notify today so we can continue to work together to contain this virus.”

WA Notify is free and can be enabled in iPhone settings or downloaded as an app from the Google Play Store for Android phones. Users can opt out at any time. Several states including Virginia, New York and Colorado are using this tool. Countries successfully using this technology include Ireland, Canada and Germany.

- **Food, clothing drive Friday in Lynnwood on Friday:** Join the City of Lynnwood this Friday, December 4th for a community Food Drive and Teen Clothing Drive! Donations support the Foundation for Edmonds School District and Holly House. Drop off donations in front of Lynnwood City Hall Friday between 9-12pm and 3-5pm
- **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 Set to Receive Additional Business Grant Funding from Snohomish County:** Last week, we were notified that Lynnwood will be receiving additional CARES Act Funding via Snohomish County to fund additional Small Business Relief Grants. The County allocation was based on city population and Lynnwood will receive \$231,596.