

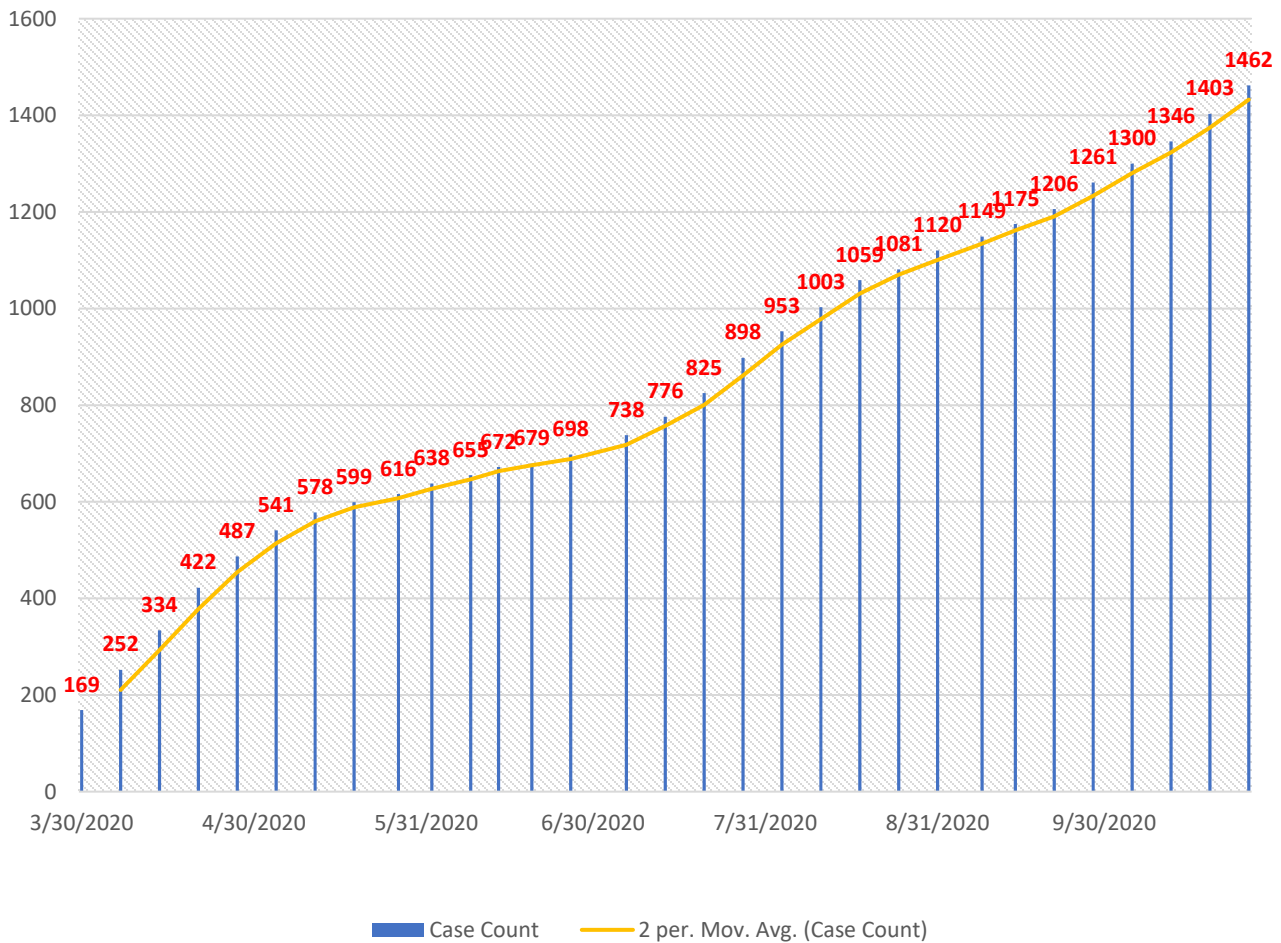
COVID-19 Council Update

October 26, 2020

Current Statistics as of 10/26/2020:

- **Snohomish County** – 9,880 Confirmed/Probable cases (+232 cases from 10/19)
 - 228 Deaths countywide (+8 from 10/19)
 - 896 Hospitalizations
 - 2.7% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- **Washington State** – 103,500 Confirmed cases; (+5,299 from 10/19)
 - 2,321 Deaths statewide
 - 8,322 Hospitalizations
 - 2.3% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
 - Total tests administered - 2,372,596
- **City of Lynnwood** – 1,462 Cases (+59 from 10/19) – 1,209 recovered
 - 32 Deaths

Lynnwood Trending



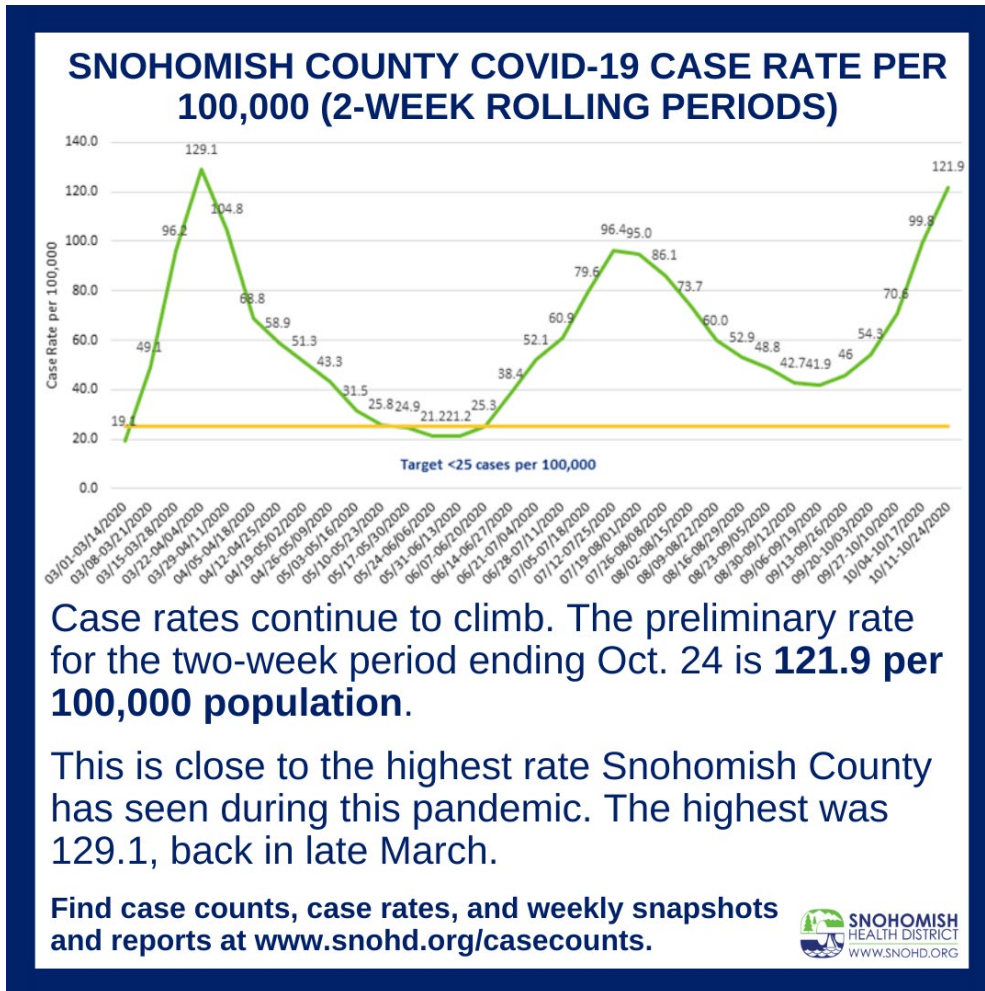
*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

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.

Case counts in western Washington are increasing across all age groups and over broad geographic areas including Snohomish County and our region.

Case rates continue to climb. The preliminary rate for the two-week rolling period ending October 24 is **121.9 per 100,000 population**. This is the highest rate Snohomish County has seen since the beginning of the pandemic. The highest was 129.1 back in March, 2020.



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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lynnwood Testing:

- The Health District will be offering testing at the [Lynnwood Food Bank](#) on Tuesday, October 27th. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5320 176th St SW.

- **FDA approves first treatment for COVID-19:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir) for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older and weighing at least 40 kilograms (about 88 pounds) for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization. Veklury should only be administered in a hospital or in a healthcare setting capable of providing acute care comparable to inpatient hospital care. Veklury is the first treatment for COVID-19 to receive FDA approval.

“The FDA is committed to expediting the development and availability of COVID-19 treatments during this unprecedented public health emergency,” said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D. “Today’s approval is supported by data from multiple clinical trials that the agency has rigorously assessed and represents an important scientific milestone in the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the FDA’s Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program, the agency will to continue to help move new medical products to patients as soon as possible, while at the same time determining whether they are effective and if their benefits outweigh their risks.”

- **Help is available for working families needing child care:** Working families need affordable child care, particularly during #COVID. Across Snohomish County, there are 34 locations in 14 cities and on the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Our partner agencies, YMCA of Snohomish County and Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County are available to help. For more info: <https://bit.ly/2Srkwvf>

Information also available in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean.

- **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.

- **Cold Weather Shelters:** Volunteers and donations needed for Cold Weather Shelters across Snohomish County. Cold temperatures are starting to roll in and cold weather shelters across Snohomish County are preparing to shelter those that need a warm place to sleep. If you would like to volunteer or donate to any of the Snohomish County Cold Weather Shelters, visit www.snohd.org/cold for more information.
- **Halloween Recommendations:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Snohomish Health District have provided a recommendation on the upcoming Halloween holiday, stating that traditional trick-or-treating and Halloween activities are considered high risk.

If you do decide to participate in trick-or-treating, there are steps you can take to stay healthy and safe: stay home if you are feeling ill, wear a proper face covering (costume masks are not a replacement), travel only with members of your household and maintain 6 ft of distance, hand out candy outside to avoid kids coming to your door, wash hands before and after and bring hand sanitizer, or do other fun Halloween activities with members of your household.

- **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:

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| ▪ 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 12, C3 has distributed **\$192,500** worth of rental assistance grants to 225 households.
 - Grants have been in varying amounts from \$500-\$1,500 and are paid directly to the landlord.
 - Demographics of approved grants:
 - 30% Latinx

- 26% White
 - 20% Black
 - 17% Asian
 - 5% Indigenous/ Native
 - 1.5% Pacific Islanders
- **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.