

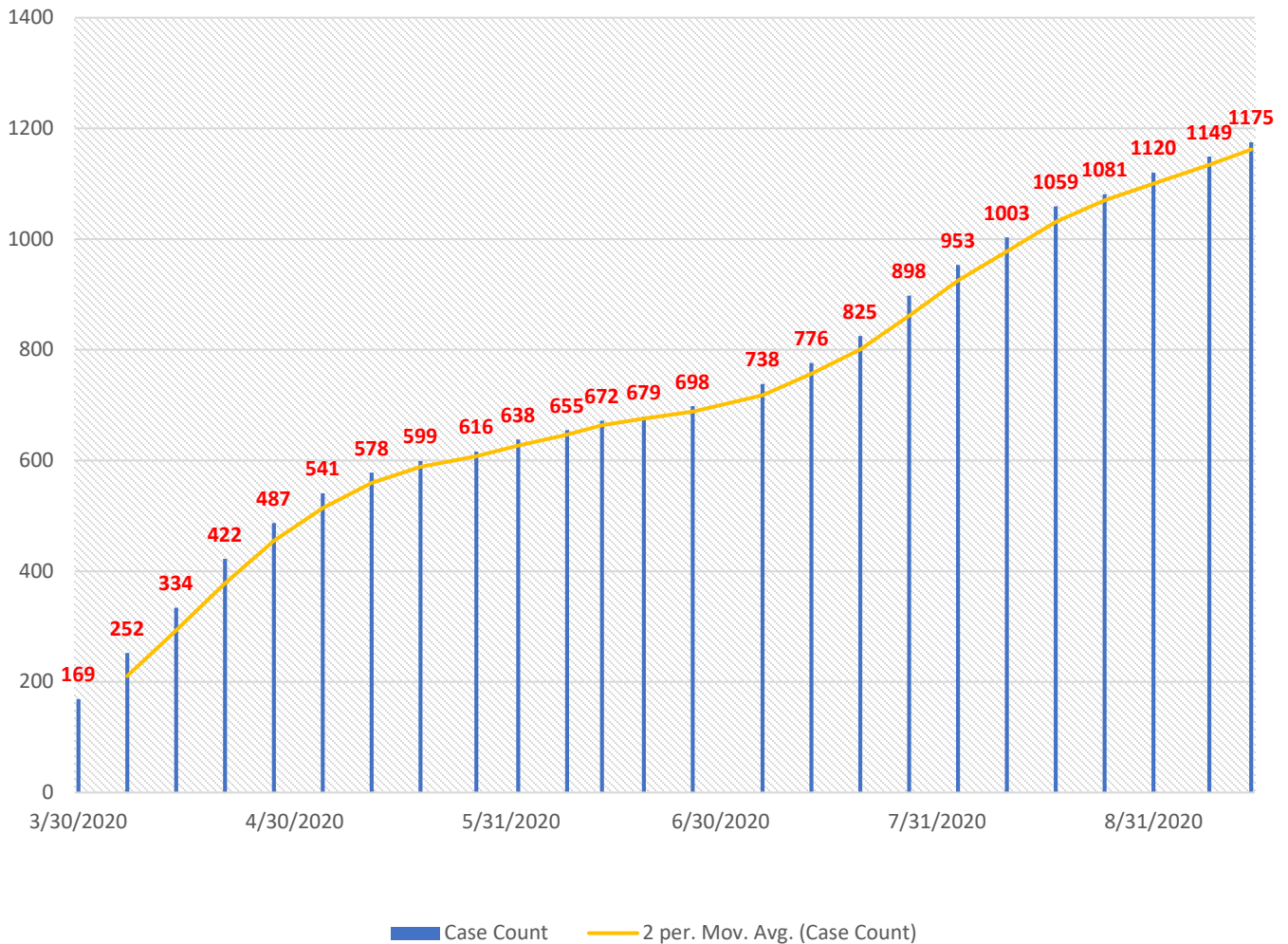
COVID-19 Council Update

September 14, 2020

Current Statistics as of 9/14/2020:

- Snohomish County – 7,499 Confirmed/Probable cases (+206 cases from 9/13)
 - 207 Deaths countywide
 - 790 Hospitalizations
 - 3.2% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- Washington State – 80,138 Confirmed cases; (+2,593 from 9/13)
 - 2,006 Deaths statewide (+53 deaths)
 - 7,098 Hospitalizations
 - 2.5% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- City of Lynnwood – 1,175 Cases (+26 from 9/13) – 1,015 recovered
 - 27 deaths

Lynnwood Trending



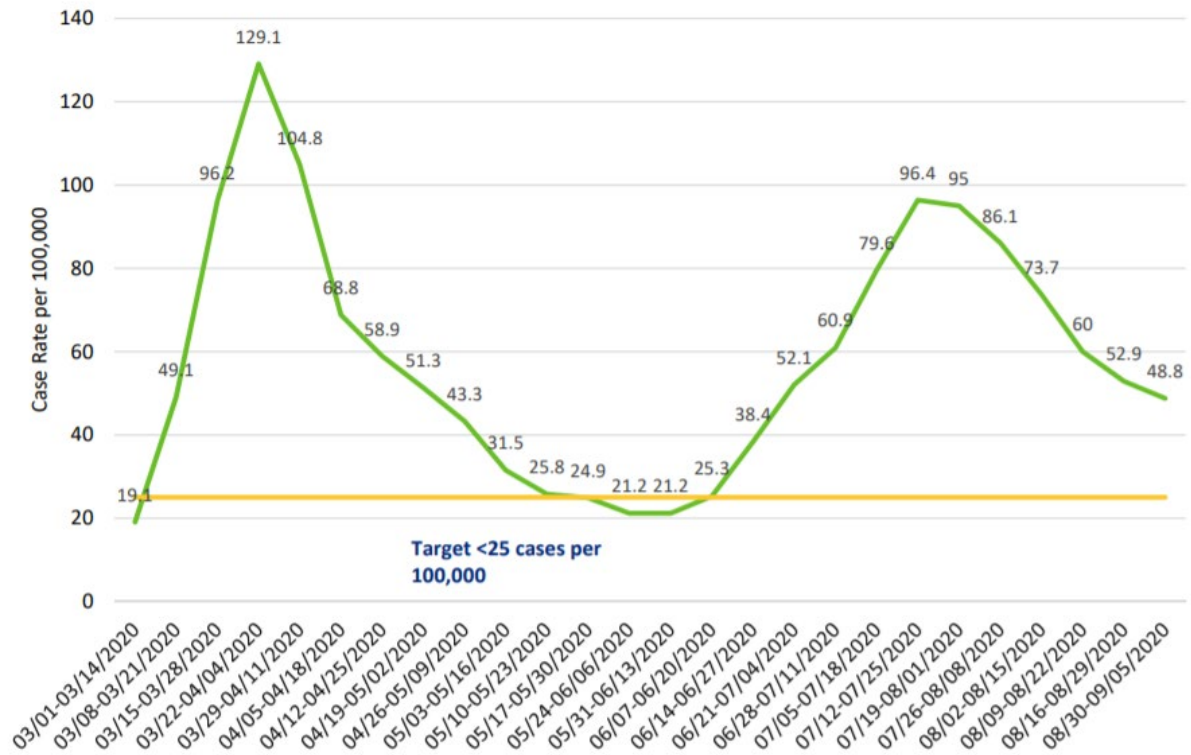
*Statistics and data compiled from the Snohomish Health District website and the Washington State Department of Health website.

Status Update:

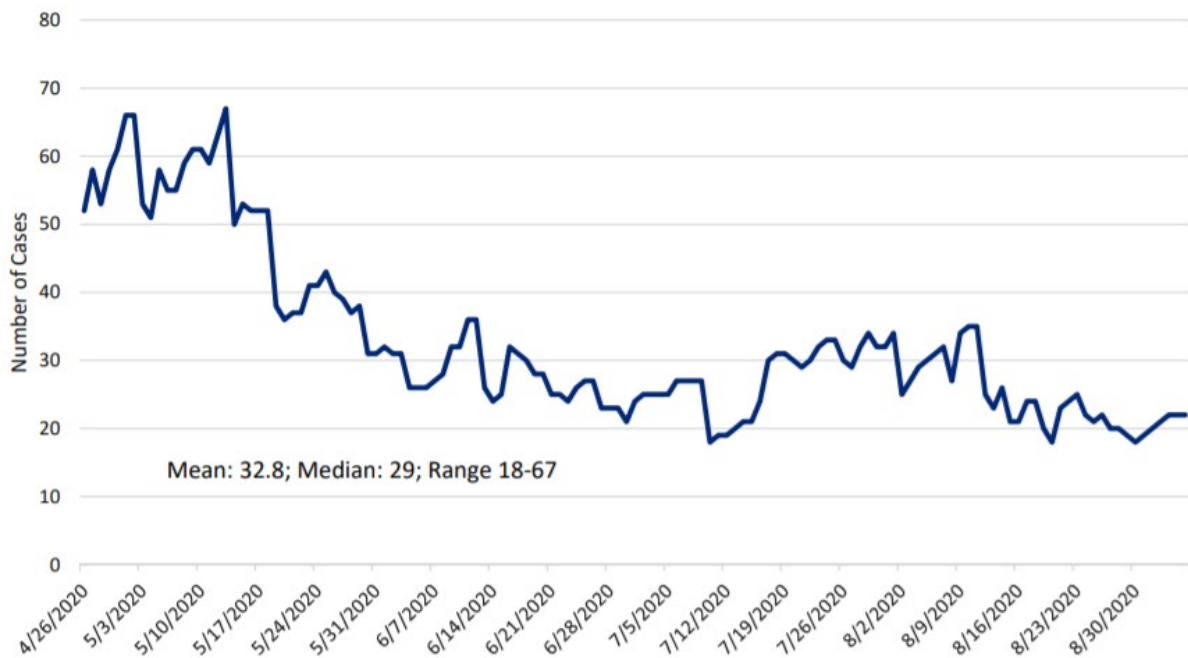
- **REMINDERS**

- 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 currently closed through mid-week due to air quality concerns. With the poor air quality from wildfire smoke, the Snohomish Health District has closed its drive-thru COVID-19 testing operations last week at the Lynnwood Food Bank and today at the 3900 Broadway site in Everett.
- **September is Suicide Prevention Month:** The CDC and the Snohomish Health District have reported that suicidal ideations and opioid drug use have increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are resources available out there for anyone who may be hurting or have a loved one that is hurting.
 - ImHurting Crisis Chat – imhurting.org or 800-584-3578
 - Suicide Prevention Lifeline – call 800-273-TALK or text “NAMI” to 741741.
- **Vaccination Planning:** We have been contacted by DEM and are in the process of assessing vaccination needs for first responders. This is just an assessment of demand for planning purposes.
- **The weekly snapshot of COVID-19** activity in Snohomish County is now available, with data from the week ending September 5. It shows some continued progress. The case rate per 100,000 population per 14-day period is lower than in the previous snapshot, and there are fewer hospital beds occupied by COVID patients.
 - COVID-19 case rates are continuing to decrease. We’re at 48.3 cases per 100,000. While this is good progress, this decline is less than recent weeks. Continue to wear a mask, social distance, and wash hands to prevent our case rate from plateauing
 - Find the full Snapshot [here](#). And a detailed weekly report [here](#).

Snohomish County COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 for 2-week Rolling Periods



Snohomish County COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Date



Data source: Snohomish Health District COVID-19 database

- **Federal Eviction Moratorium:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has ordered a temporary moratorium on residential evictions through the end of the year. The moratorium prohibits landlords from evicting qualifying residential tenants for nonpayment of rent or related payments like late fees, penalties, or interest.

To qualify for the eviction protection, a residential tenant must provide their landlord with a written statement declaring that they:

1. Have used their best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing;
 2. Meet one of the following income requirements: expects to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income in 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return); was not required to report any income in 2019 to the IRS; or received a stimulus check pursuant to the CARES Act;
 3. Are unable to pay the full rent or housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, employment change, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses;
 4. Are using their best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as possible, considering other nondiscretionary expenses; and
 5. Have no other housing options and would likely become homeless if evicted or would have to live in close quarters in a new shared living situation.
- **Extended Telecommuting:** Employee telecommuting will continue through the end of 2020.
 - **Unemployment** claims jumped by 25 percent in Snohomish County, up from 1,911 to 2,509 compared to the week before, according to data released Thursday by the state Employment Security Department
 - **Staffing:** Staffing numbers, and levels of illness, have remained consistent throughout the pandemic.
 - **Back to School:** Last Wednesday, September 9, Edmonds School District Students returned to school, however it is 100% remote learning.
 - Students eligible to receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch will still be provided meals. There are meal pick up sites located throughout the district and students/families will pick up a meal kit of 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches on Mondays. Families can still sign up to receive free or reduced meals.
 - Chromebooks and Internet Access: All students were given an opportunity to pick up a district-issued Chromebook. Families eligible for free or reduced lunch are also able to purchase the \$10 Comcast Internet Essentials package. The District also provides assistance if that is a barrier.
 - Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters issued guidance last week urging local schools to plan for the gradual return to in-person learning for elementary and high-needs students.
 - Lynnwood Recreation Team providing after-learning care through RECess: Supporting families by offering a program that allows kids to play, discover and connect. The day starts at noon with lunch, finishing up schoolwork and then the afternoon is filled with arts-n-crafts, songs, games, science and nature hikes! We are offering two programs: RECess, running Monday-Friday, or RECess Wednesdays. This is being hosted at Lynndale Park and this Wednesday we will have Wi-Fi installed at the park to support student's distance learning. Currently 20 enrolled in M-F, and an additional 27 on Wednesdays. Can increase programs to 40 once WIFI is installed.

- **CARES Act Funding:** The City of Lynnwood is eligible to receive \$1,188,000 in federal CARES Act Funding. Last week we learned that Governor Jay Inslee announced the distribution of additional federal CARES Act Funding to go towards cities. Lynnwood's additional funding will be \$594,000, bringing our total CARES Act Funding to be \$1,782,000. The contract between the WA State Department of Commerce and the City of Lynnwood should be executed this week.
 - Recap of \$1,188,000 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
 - Recommended use of additional CARES Act Funding (\$594,000):

▪ Full body scanner for Jail	\$187,000
▪ Additional funds to the Business Relief Fund	\$300,000
▪ Additional funds to the Community Relief Fund and Lynnwood Food Bank	\$107,000
 - Business Grants Relief Fund:
 - \$500,000 distributed to 50 small businesses.
 - Propose adding \$300,000 to support an additional 30 small businesses.
 - Community Relief Fund:
 - Communities of Color Coalition is administering our Rental/Mortgage Relief Program.
 - To date they have distributed approximately \$109,500 in grants to 124 community members/ families in need. (increase from last update is an additional 42, \$1,000 grants distributed)
 - They have received 427 applications and approved 82 so far.
 - Propose adding an additional \$100,000 to the Community Relief Fund and amending the MOU with C3.