

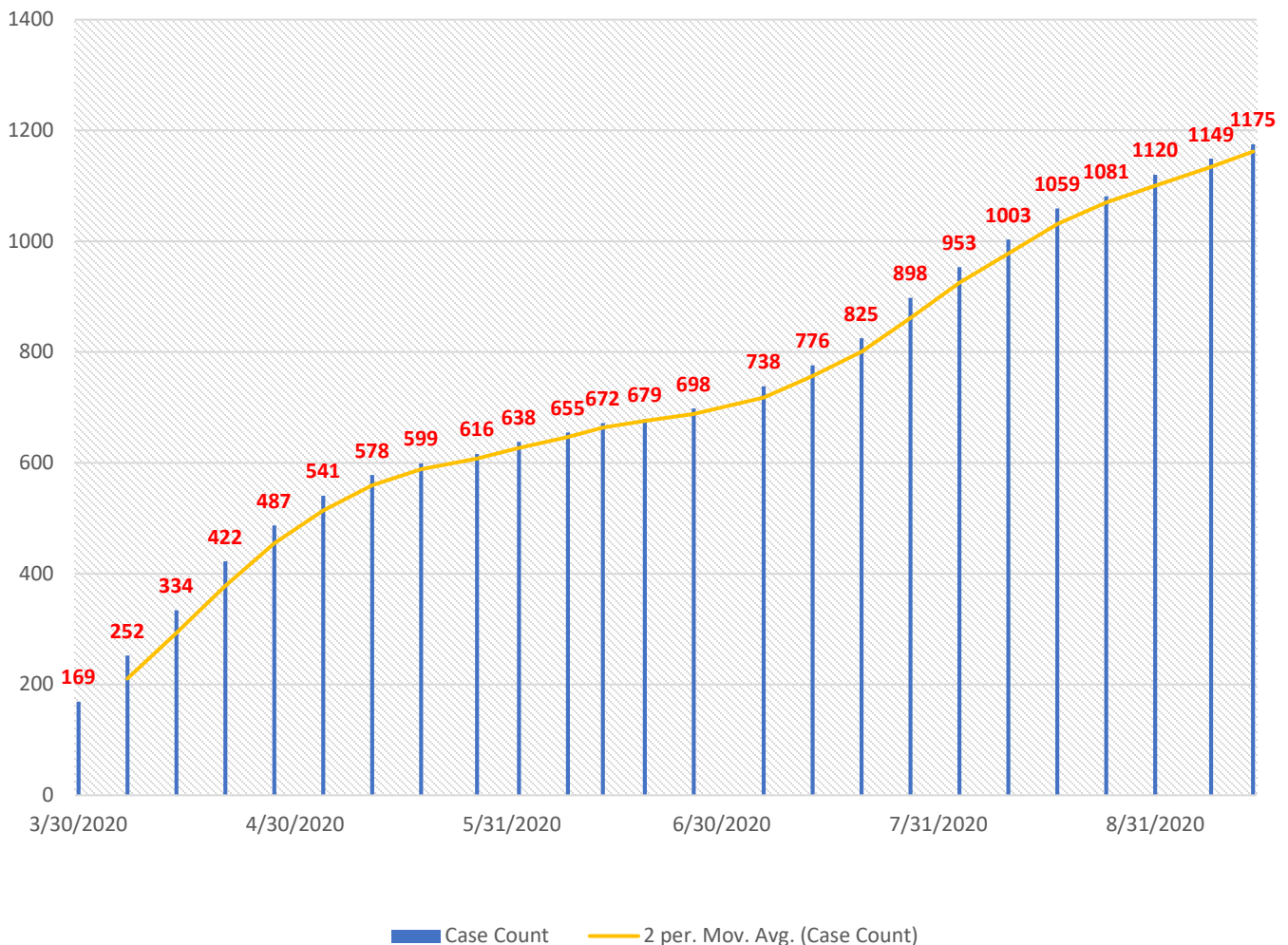
COVID-19 Council Update

September 21, 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).

- **Flu Shots** – it is important for the public to be aware of the need to protect themselves as much as possible during this flu season. If at all possible, please get a flu vaccination shot. This year will be different with the coronavirus also in circulation. Hospitals are already stressed and will be even more so during the upcoming fall and winter.

- **COVID-19 activity on Washington declining** - The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest statewide [situational report](#), which reflects an overall decline in COVID-19 activity as of late August. The report also highlights encouraging signs that keeping our distance, limiting gathering size and wearing face coverings are working to slow the spread of the disease.

- **Lost Wages Assistance program** - The state Employment Security Department reports Washington has received approval for the maximum amount of weeks under Lost Wages Assistance: 6 weeks, from 8/1 to 9/5. Per FEMA, no more weeks will be available. ESD will pay the benefits retroactively starting September 21.

- **Drive-thru Testing:** Outdoor testing sites are open again. The new schedule at 3900 Broadway in Everett is as follows:
 - Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Monday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 22 from noon to 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, September 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Thursday, September 24 from noon to 7 p.m.
 - Friday, September 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the Everett site, the Health District will also be offering testing at the Lynnwood Food Bank on Tuesday, September 22. Appointments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5320 176th St SW.

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Update** - The Washington State Department of Health provided an update on progress being made toward a COVID-19 vaccine. Five federal regions (four states and a city) have been chosen to be pilot states in the CDC's planning. Washington is not one of the pilot states. However, we will develop our plans based on lessons learned from the pilot project. Yesterday we received, from the federal government, the interim

playbook. We are now reviewing it, and are on a 30-day clock to return our plans by October 16th.

The Health District wants to remind people that when a coronavirus vaccine is approved and released, we will not have enough at first to offer it to everyone. Prioritization will happen at the federal level first. Because there won't be a lot of vaccine available in the first round, the state will work on further prioritization.

Some possibilities for the first priority groups to receive vaccine are:

- Essential workers
- Health care workers
- Residents and workers at long-term care facilities

All possible vaccine candidates are in various stages of testing in humans to ensure they are both safe and effective. We will watch the FDA approval process closely to make sure it is thorough and transparent. The department is committed to science and the need to critically evaluate these new vaccines for their safety and efficacy in an unbiased way before their use. We will know more once current studies conclude. It's typical for most vaccine candidates to not make it to the final stages of testing, so likewise, we do not expect 100% of all COVID-19 vaccine candidates to come to market.

Vaccine distribution will adjust over time as the number of available doses increases, moving from limited to broader populations in a phased approach. We do know that the federal government will cover the cost of the coronavirus vaccine. It is possible that healthcare providers may charge a fee to administer the vaccine, and/or for the cost of an office visit. Health insurance will most likely cover these fees. We will work with other state agencies to understand and address barriers related to health insurance coverage, and to make the vaccine accessible at no-cost to people without health insurance.

- **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. However, the number of outbreaks is up. Examples of an outbreak include two or more linked but non-household cases in a workplace, or one or more cases in a long-term care facility
 - 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](#).

- **Extended Telecommuting:** Employee telecommuting will continue through the end of 2020.
- **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
 - TBD \$50,000
- **Small Business Relief Grant Program Update:** The second round of Small Business Relief Grant Program was announced on Friday afternoon and applications are due by 4pm on September 27, 2020.