

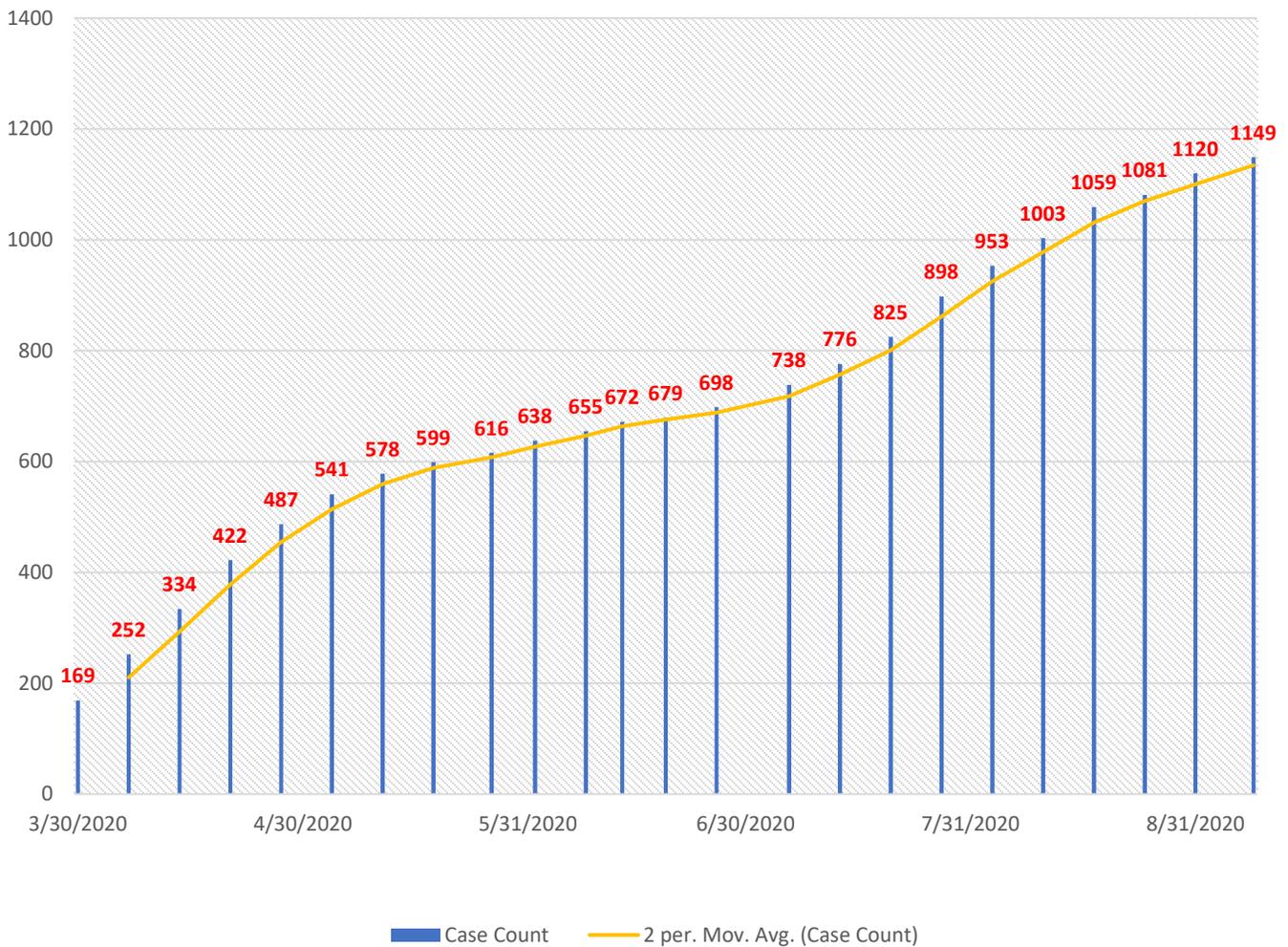
# COVID-19 Council Update

## September 8, 2020

### Current Statistics as of 9/8/2020:

- Snohomish County – 7,293 Confirmed/Probable cases (+219 cases from 8/31)
  - 207 Deaths countywide
  - 780 Hospitalizations
  - 3.2% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- Washington State – 77,545 Confirmed cases; (+2,910 from 8/31)
  - 1,953 Deaths statewide (+38 deaths)
  - 6,913 Hospitalizations
  - 2.5% of Deaths/Confirmed Cases
- City of Lynnwood – 1,149 Cases (+29 from 8/31) – 1,003 recovered

## 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).

- **Demographics (statewide):**

### COVID-19 in Washington State

#### Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths by Race/Ethnicity

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A significant number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths are missing race and ethnicity information, which limits the conclusions that we can draw. As we work to increase completeness, these data may change significantly.



#### Confirmed Cases by Race/Ethnicity

	Confirmed Cases	% of Cases	Total WA Population (%)
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>77,545</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Unknown Race/Ethnicity (% of Total)	23,687	31%	NA
<b>Total with Race/Ethnicity Available</b>	<b>53,858</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Hispanic	22,785	42%	13%
Non-Hispanic White	20,396	38%	68%
Non-Hispanic Black	3,179	6%	4%
Non-Hispanic Asian	2,620	5%	9%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1,427	3%	1%
Non-Hispanic Multiracial	1,411	3%	4%
Non-Hispanic Other Race	1,128	2%	NA
Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native	912	2%	1%

- New Center for Disease Control and Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report shows that long-standing health and social inequities have resulted in increased risk for infection, severe illness, and death from COVID-19 among communities of color.

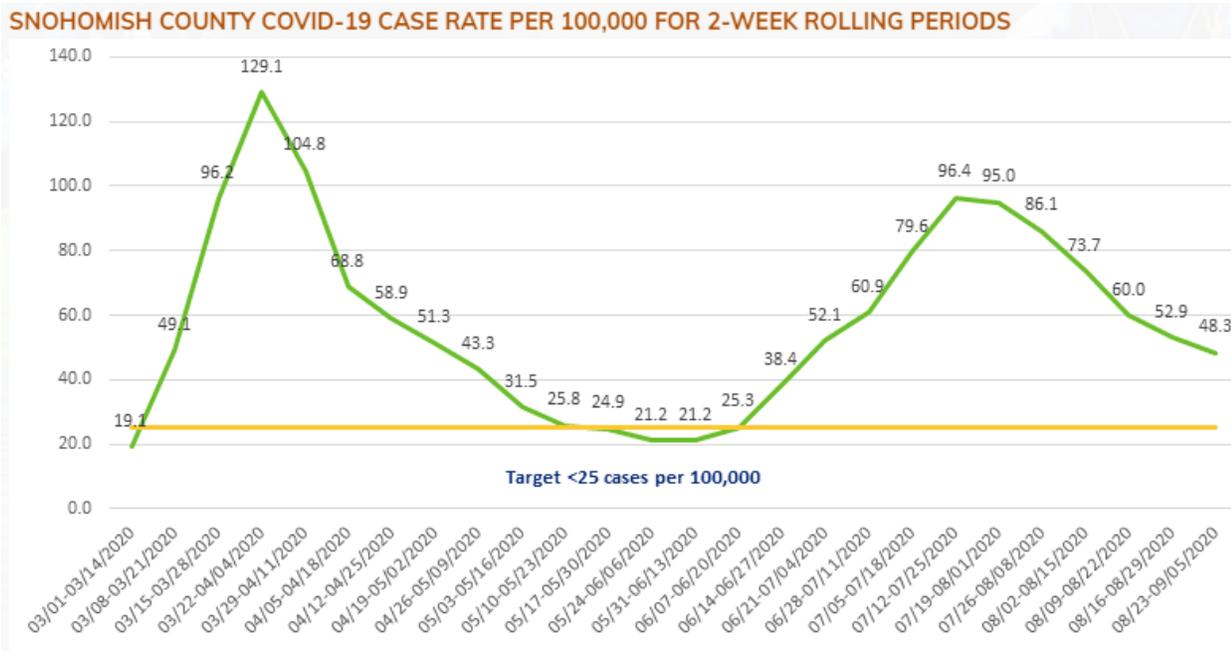
- **Extended Telecommuting:** Employee telecommuting will continue through the end of 2020.
- **State Testing Metrics:** The state Department of Health made changes last week on the processing and reporting of test data statewide. The Snohomish Health District reports these changes were made in an effort to account for the true volume of tests being done and to better benchmark progress at both county and state levels. The changes include **Total tests**, **Percent positive** and **Daily Testing Rate**. These updates and additions are being done to

increase transparency and provide a full picture about COVID transmission and activity in Washington. For more information, read the [full press release](#).

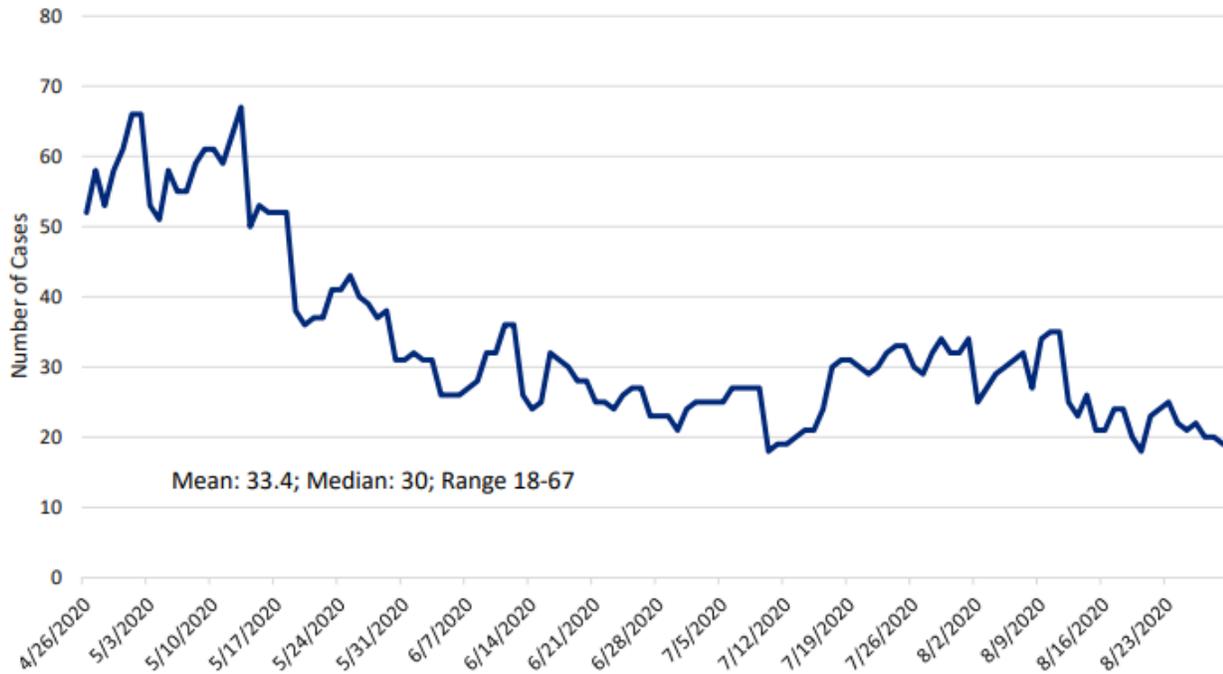
- **Drive-thru Testing:** Outdoor testing sites closed due to air quality concerns. With the poor air quality from wildfire smoke, the Snohomish Health District has closed its drive-thru COVID-19 testing operations at the Lynnwood Food Bank and 3900 Broadway site in Everett today. The 3900 Broadway site will also be closed on Wednesday, September 9.

Staff are notifying all individuals with appointments to register for an appointment later this week, or to contact their healthcare provider if symptoms worsen. The Health District hopes to reopen on Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will continue to monitor air quality over the next 24-36 hours. It is recommended that people monitor the website at <http://www.snohd.org/testing> or the Health District’s social media channels for any further changes to the testing schedule.

- The rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people in Snohomish County is now under twice the amount required for the county to be eligible to apply for Phase 3 under the state’s Safe Start plan, however with that good news there are some challenges (see below).
  - The current case rate is 48.3 per 100,000 in the last reported 14-day period (8/23 to 9/5), down from 52.9 per 100,000, which was down from a high of 96.4 per 100,000 with the week ending on 7/25.
  - The snapshot of COVID-19 activity for the week of August 23-29 shows that case rates have continued to decline, a slightly lower proportion of hospital beds are occupied, and fewer outbreaks were reported compared to the week before. However, there are some metrics that have shifted in a less favorable direction. The average number of tests performed per day is down from the previous week, and the positivity rate is up. Also, fewer cases and contacts are being reached by public health staff within 24 or 48 hours.
  - Find the full Snapshot [here](#). And a detailed weekly report [here](#).



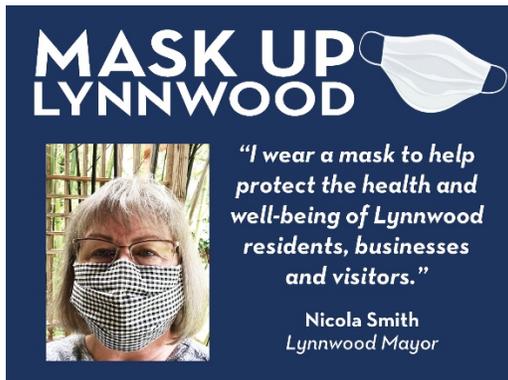
## Snohomish County COVID-19 Hospitalizations by Date



- Staffing numbers, and levels of illness, have remained consistent throughout the pandemic.
- Low Income Face Coverings: We received 23,000 free and reusable face coverings from the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) that we began distributing to low income community members. We still have approximately 1,000 face coverings remaining from the initial stock. Last week, we received an additional allotment from DEM of another 33,000 free and reusable face coverings. We will continue to work with our non-profit partners to distribute these coverings into the fall and winter. Below is an accounting of our non-profit partners that have helped to distribute face coverings:

Low Income Face Mask/Covering Distribution			
Date:	Organization:	Contact Name:	Total Distribute
6/27/2020	City of Lynnwood Distribution	Julie Moore	2100
6/25/2020	Neighbors in Need	Joan Jolly	100
6/25/2020	Jean Kim Hygiene Station	Joan Jolly	100
6/27/2020	Happy Korean Senior Center @ Life Center	Ki Seung Cho	150
6/27/2020	Snohomish Korean Senior Center	Ki Seung Cho	150
7/2/2020	Lynnwood Food Bank	Alissa Jones	7000
7/2/2020	VOA Lynnwood Food Pantry	Dave Jordan	900
7/7/2020	Nourishing Network	Deb Brandi	6000
7/7/2020	YWCA Pathways	Vicki Dorway	200
7/18/2020	EdCC Food Pantry	Stewart Sinning	1000
7/20/2020	South County Fire	Shawneri Guzman	250
7/20/2020	Homage	Ramonda	500
7/30/2020	Lynnwood Senior Center Drive Thru Event	Janet Sigler	126
8/14/2020	Ethiopian Community	Ermias Merid	180
8/14/2020	Back to School Resource Fair	Edmonds School District	1000
8/20/2020	Neighbors in Need	Joan Jolly	200
8/20/2020	Distribution through City Hall	Julie Moore	400
8/20/2020	Meet Me At the Park	Marielle Harrington	500
8/24/2020	Senior Center	Janet Sigler	100

- Mask Up Campaign: Lynnwood has joined in the Mask Up Washington campaign by launching our own Mask Up Lynnwood social media campaign. So far we've featured Mayor Nicola Smith and Chief of Police Jim Nelson and their reasons for wearing a mask. We'll highlight more employees over the coming weeks with their reason for wearing a mask.



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- 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
  - Suggested use of additional \$594,000 CARE Act Funding:
 

▪ Full body scanner for Jail	\$187,000
▪ Additional face coverings for essential employees	\$7,000
▪ Additional funds to the Business Relief Fund	\$300,000
▪ Additional funds to the Community Relief Fund	\$100,000
  - Business Grants Relief Fund: As of last week, all grants have been distributed to the 50 small businesses that were awarded grants.
  - Community Relief Fund: Communities of Color Coalition is administering our Rental/Mortgage Relief Program. To date they have distributed \$67,533 in grants to community members in need. They have received 427 applications and approved 82 so far. The racial/ethnic breakdown of the applications approved is as follows (does not total 100% as you can select more than one race/ethnicity):
 

▪ 28% Latinx
▪ 32% White
▪ 21% Black
▪ 17% Asian
▪ 6% Indigenous/ Native
▪ 1.5% Pacific Islanders