



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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## ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 Updated Community Guidance

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For schools please see [this updated information](#).

Island County Public Health wants to make sure that the citizens of Island County have access to reliable guidance surrounding COVID-19. We update guidance weekly to help inform our community. For archived copies of this community guidance visit the COVID-19 section of our [webpage](#).

### Numbers and Data

At the time of this writing, a case rate of 122.61 cases per 100,000 was calculated for the two-week period of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021-April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Island County has 1,641 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 30 deaths.

### Update from Department of Health (DOH)

A DOH report that looks at rates of COVID-19 illness and death by race, ethnicity and language spoken can be found [here](#). Newest numbers: DOH reported a total of 369,481 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There have been 5,464 COVID-19 deaths in Washington. For the most recent tally of cases by county, demographics, and more, visit the [Department of Health's dashboard](#) and the state's [Road to Recovery Metrics dashboard](#).

### Vaccine Status

Island County continues to get a steady supply of vaccines and this is expected to continue.

VACCINE DOSES GIVEN
Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Island County by a vaccine provider:
<b>72,895</b>
Last updated: 4/24/21 at 11:59pm. <i>Data provided via WA DOH</i>

### **Island County BIPOC COVID Vaccination clinic**

Island County is offering a BIPOC COVID Vaccination clinic Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9am to 11am. This Clinic will be at the Island Drug in Oak Harbor. Island County is committed to equity, we want to make sure that the communities most impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic have the opportunity to be vaccinated. This inclusive vaccine clinic welcomes anyone who identifies as a person of color and their households at no cost.

### **Washington State Department of Labor and Industries**

Washington's Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) claim records show 24 people passed away in the last year after contracting COVID-19 while working in hospitals, long-term care facilities, agriculture jobs, and other workplaces. Another 24 workers died following long battles with occupational illnesses. L&I will honor all 119 of the fallen workers during its annual Worker Memorial Day ceremony, a virtual event on April 28. To read the full article click [here](#).

### **Governor Jay Inslee Update**

The data continues to show that we're safest from COVID-19 when we [#TakeItOutside](#). With the guidance released by the CDC today, now we know that fully vaccinated individuals can gather or dine safely outdoors in small groups without masking. While fully vaccinated Washingtonians can safely gather outdoors without masks, it's still important for everyone to [#MaskUp](#) in crowded outdoor settings or indoors – whether or not you're fully vaccinated. For more on choosing safer activities, click [here](#).

### **Season for Fairs, Festivals and Parades**

Fairs, parades, festivals, and special events are only permitted in counties in Phase 3 of the Governor's Healthy Washington, Roadmap to Recovery. Fairs and special events have a number of operational aspects and service offerings governed by other COVID-19 requirement documents. Updated guidance as of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 can be found [here](#).

### **Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery**

Island County continues to stay in Phase 3 in the Roadmap to recovery. Counties will be individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations will occur on Mondays with any possible changes taking effect Friday. The next evaluation will be May 3rd. DOH will update metrics [here](#). It's still very important we get vaccinated and follow the 3w's. Wash your hands, wear a mask and watch your distance.

### **Johnson and Johnson Update**

As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) will immediately resume use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine across the state. This decision is based on recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, as well as careful consideration and close review by DOH. The full media release can be found [here](#).

### **Island County Update**

Island County is working on a Community Connections campaign. This involves highlighting stories of people helping others getting the vaccine, individuals and families who have received the vaccine, why they chose to get the vaccine, and how their experience went. We are also going to be highlighting a commerce aspect as well. We will be contacting local businesses & organizations on Whidbey and Camano Islands. The goal is to highlight success stories from the community. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please email us at [PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:PubHealth@islandcountywa.gov).

## **Thank You**

Island County Public Health would like to thank our community partners, volunteers, providers, vaccination teams, and people assisting the community with information and obtaining appointments. Please remember that everyone is doing their best and continue to be patient through this process.

Do you or someone you know have a COVID-19 story they wish to share with us for Facebook and this publication? If so, email us at [h.jones@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:h.jones@islandcountywa.gov).

## **More Information**

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page, or email us at [PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov](mailto:PubHealth@IslandCountyWa.gov). If you would like to speak to someone directly about COVID-19, the Island County call center can be reached at **360.678.2301**; Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. We also offer our COVID Information line: **360.678.5111** ext. **6000**. This is a recorded message in English and Spanish for community members to call for general information about COVID-19.

The [WA DOH COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) remains the most up-to-date source of information regarding the safety, phasing and availability of COVID-19 vaccine in Washington, as well as the [Centers for Disease Control's Vaccine website](#).