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Monday, May 4, 2020

INSLEE SIGNS NEW COVID-19 ORDER FOR PHASED RE-OPENING OF WASHINGTON'S ECONOMY

More details on the new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Tuesday morning, Snohomish County leaders provide an update on the COVID-19 response. Link to view the press conference when it is posted is at right.

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT UPDATES

Snohomish Health District has provided updates on drive-thru testing and testing at long-term care facilities. Information at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Inslee Signs New COVID-19 Order for Phased Re-Opening of Washington's Economy

Some businesses could re-open as early as this week under the [new COVID-19 order](#) signed by Gov. Jay Inslee today. The state's "[Safe Start](#)" plan is a phased approach to re-opening Washington's economy.

Under the plan, smaller counties can apply for a variance from the order which would allow them to open even more businesses than allowed statewide.

Safe Start sets a careful approach to emerging from the pandemic. It allows for modifications of business closures and physical distancing measures while minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19.

While Stay Home, Stay Healthy is being extended to the end of May, the governor announced his Safe Start plan which amends some components of the original order and allow for a start to re-open the state.

Through the Washington "Safe Start" plan, more businesses and activities would re-open in phases with adequate social distancing measures and health standards in place. Each phase will be at least three weeks—data and metrics will determine when the state can move from one phase to another.

Washington State is entering into Phase 1, with construction and other essential activities underway. The additions such as outdoor activities and additional sales and retail activities begin Tuesday, May 5. When the State moves to Phase 2, all components of Phase 1 will continue.

Read the [full news release here](#).

Read the full [Safe Start policy plan here](#).

Read the full story on the [governor's Medium page](#).

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Update

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) will provide a media availability with county leaders to address the County's response to COVID-19. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Snohomish Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson.

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

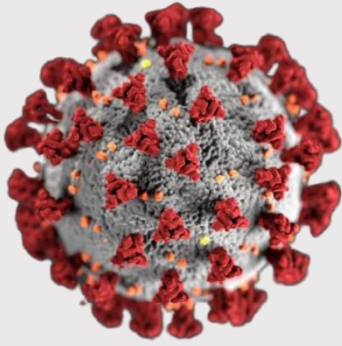
Snohomish Health District Updates

Drive-thru Testing

The Snohomish Health District began piloting new rapid test machines at a drive-thru testing site in Lynnwood last week. There were 89 people tested; 42 on last Wednesday and 47 Friday. The rapid test machines produce results in approximately 15 minutes, and all tests came back negative.

All individuals seen on Wednesday were also asked to collect a second specimen. Those were sent to the Public Health Lab for another round of verification. Those 42 test results were all returned today, confirming the original negative results.

This week the Health District will continue piloting limited rapid testing at a community-based location. However, testing for May 6 and 8 will be located in the east county.



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY ECONOMIC TASK FORCE LAUNCHES ONLINE BUSINESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please share the links to the Snohomish County Business Needs Assessment Survey with your local businesses and encourage them to complete it. Answers will be compiled and provided to the Snohomish County Economic Task Force.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BUSINESS SECTOR ADVISORY MEETINGS

Snohomish County Councilmember Megan Dunn is hosting a series of Business Sector Advisory meetings over the next few weeks. If you own a business or are an employee whose income has been impacted by COVID-19, you are welcome to join the meeting that corresponds with your business sector.

THE 2020 EVERGREEN STATE FAIR IS CANCELED

Snohomish County has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Evergreen State Fair. More details at right.

More information will be released today, including location details and updated registration links. Staff are finalizing details for a north county location for next week. Updates and information is available at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

Testing at Long-Term Care Facilities

The Health District has focused on surveillance testing at several long-term care facilities around the County. Since April 13, staff have completed surveillance testing on nine facilities. Two of those facilities still have results pending.

At the remaining seven, a total of 809 individuals were tested. That included 405 residents and 404 staff tested. Of the residents, 65 were positive (16 percent). There were 35 staff that tested positive (8.7 percent), for a total of 100 out of 809 tests.

The Health District will continue this surveillance testing to facilitate control and prevention of spread in those settings. However, it is important to note that these new cases in long-term care facilities represents approximately one-third of the total new cases per week.

Snohomish County Economic Task Force Launches Online Business Needs Assessment Survey

The online Business Needs Assessment Survey is an opportunity to share how businesses have been affected by COVID-19. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Answers to the survey will be compiled into a final report that the Economic Task Force will review as they make policy decisions.

Please share the survey with businesses.

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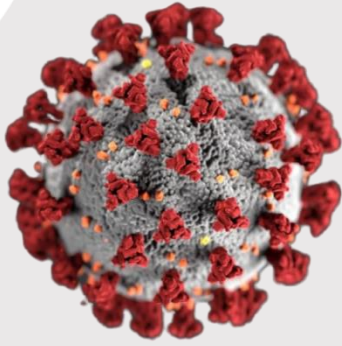
Meeting Dates and Times:

- Monday, 5/4 from 2-3pm: Business–Entertainment, Hospitality, and businesses for over 18+ crowds (bars, tattoo shops, dispensaries, etc.)
- Tuesday, 5/5 from 10:30-11:30am: Business – Manufacturing
- Tuesday, 5/5 from 3-4pm: Government
- Thursday, 5/7 from 2-3pm: Non-Profit – Healthcare
- Monday, 5/11 from 9-10am: Retail
- Monday, 5/11 from 3-4pm: Non-Profit – (Human Services, Labor, and Other)

The 2020 Evergreen State Fair is Canceled

On Friday, Snohomish County announced the cancellation of the 2020 Evergreen State Fair, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fair officials consulted with the Snohomish Health District and county leaders before making this decision. This is the first time that the Fair has been canceled since World War II. The Fair was also canceled for three years during the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-1920.

Jeremy Husby, Division Manager, Evergreen State Fair Park stated, "Until very recently, we held out the hope that we could still produce the best possible Fair to educate and entertain our guests. Unfortunately, we had to



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MARYSVILLE CARES SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Marysville small businesses with five or fewer employees, and whose owners meet low- to moderate-income requirements, are invited to apply Marysville CARES grants of up to \$10,000 each.

CITY OF MARYSVILLE SERVICE UPDATES

The City of Marysville has updated its status of current city operations. Details and link at right.

SOUTH COUNTY FIRE OFFERS ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

South County Fire community outreach programs are going online. Check out the offerings at right.

make the very tough but necessary decision to cancel the Fair. We are developing ideas to be creative with exhibits, competitions and entertainment to keep our cherished Fair family and community connected."

For more information on the Evergreen State Fair Park visit EvergreenFair.org.

Please read the [news release](#).

Marysville CARES Small Business Grant Program Launched

Marysville small businesses with five or fewer employees, and whose owners meet low- to moderate-income requirements, are invited to apply Marysville CARES grants of up to \$10,000 each. Applications opened today and the deadline to apply is 4 p.m. Monday, May 18.

"We have worked diligently over the past couple of weeks with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and others to find a way to push this grant money out to private sector small businesses within Marysville who are struggling to survive this COVID-19 shutdown," Mayor Nehring said. "I am pleased that we have found a way to do so while complying with federal restrictions."

Find eligibility information and the application at <https://www.marysvillewa.gov/1065/Community-Development-Block-Grants>.

City of Marysville Service Updates

Following Gov. Jay Inslee's announcement Friday of a four-phased plan to reopen business, social and recreational activities, the City of Marysville provides these changes to the status of city operations.

- All city buildings are closed to the public through May 31. We encourage you to do business with us online, by email or by phone.
- Cedarcrest Golf Course reopens May 5 with new restrictions in place. For details, visit www.cedarcrestgc.com.
- Parks and trails remain open. Please visit with your immediate household only and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when you encounter others. City playgrounds and the Skate Park remain closed at this time.
- Parks, Culture and Recreation classes and events through May 31 are canceled or postponed.
- Marysville Municipal Court jury trials are canceled through July 6 by order of the state Supreme Court. Criminal court hearings are taking place online and infraction hearings by email.

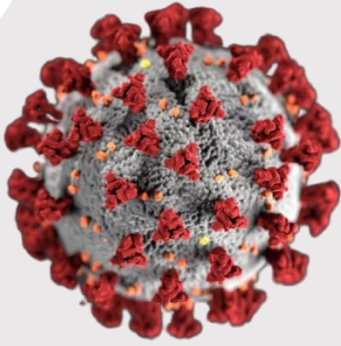
Find a complete current list of city closures and updates at www.marysvillewa.gov/1048/COVID-19.

South County Fire Offers Online Programs for the Public

South County Fire community outreach programs are going online during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Virtual programs are free and require internet access via a smart phone, tablet or computer. Offerings include:

ACT First Aid: Learn three skills you can use to save a life in the first few minutes of a medical emergency: Antidote for suspected opiate overdose, CPR for cardiac arrest and Tourniquet for severe bleeding control. Video-conference classes are offered on the third Thursday of each month, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register at www.southsnofire.org/ACT.



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EVERETT FREE MEALS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Click the image at right for a full-size version of the Everett Free Meals schedule.

ARLINGTON DISASTER RELIEF EVENTS

LIFEchurch360 in Arlington is hosting Arlington Disaster Relief Events on May 4 and 5. Details at right.

Child Car Seat Safety Class: Learn how to properly use a car seat from birth to adult seat belts. Register for this video-conference class at <https://www.southsnofire.org/education/child-passenger-safety>.

Child Car Seat Checks: Offered by appointment, virtual car seat checks are provided by a certified child passenger safety technician via Zoom or Facetime. Schedule an appointment at www.southsnofire.org/CarSeats.

Preparedness for Families: Learn how to prepare and care for your family in a disaster in this one-hour video-conference training. Class dates are May 28, June 11 and June 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Space is limited. Register at www.southsnofire.org/FamilyPrep.

Kids Fire Academy: Complete our six-week Kids Fire Academy featuring videos and activities to download at www.southsnofire.org/KidsAcademy.

Kids Online Fire Camp: Coming up July 13-17, the Kids Online Fire Camp will feature videos from firefighters and fun hands-on activities you can do at home. Register now at www.southsnofire.org/FireCamp.

Everett Free Meals

The Everett Free Meals Coalition has updated their list of free meals in the Everett area. Click on the image below for a full-size version.

EVERETT FREE MEALS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm	Everett Gospel Mission, 11:30-Noon & 4:00-4:30pm
Cocoon House, 10am-1pm Youth	Cocoon House, 4:30pm Youth	Cocoon House, 4:30pm Youth	Cocoon House, 4:30pm Youth	Cocoon House, 4:30pm Youth	Cocoon House, 4:30pm Youth	Cocoon House, 10am-1pm Youth
Central Lutheran Church, 5pm	Esther's Place, Noon-1:30pm Women & Children Everett First Church of the Nazarene, Noon	Esther's Place, Noon-1:30pm Women & Children Recovery Cafe, Noon-3pm Vision Church, 11am-2pm Faith Lutheran Church, 5pm	Esther's Place, Noon-1:30pm Women & Children Recovery Cafe, Noon-3pm Vision Church, 11am-2pm First Presbyterian Church, 5:30pm	Esther's Place, Noon-1:30pm Women & Children Recovery Cafe, Noon-3pm Vision Church, 11am-2pm Everett United Church of Christ, 5pm	Esther's Place, Noon-1:30pm Women & Children Recovery Cafe, Noon-3pm Vision Church, 5pm First Baptist Church, 5pm	The Lord's Little Cooker, 8am Recovery Cafe, Noon-3pm
Central Lutheran Church 2702 Rockefeller Ave	Everett Gospel Mission 3711 Smith Ave	Everett Gospel Mission 3711 Smith Ave	Everett United Church of Christ 2624 Rockefeller Ave	First Presbyterian Church 2936 Rockefeller Ave	Recovery Café 2624 Rockefeller Ave	The Lord's Little Cooker 32nd St. & Wetmore Ave
Cocoon House (YOUTH Ages 13 to 24) 3530 Colby Ave	Everett United Church of Christ 2624 Rockefeller Ave	Faith Lutheran Church 6708 Cady Road	First Baptist Church 1616 Pacific Ave	Vision Church 1917 California Ave	NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS SERVE MEALS TO GO IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS	
Esther's Place (WOMEN & CHILDREN) 2936 Rockefeller Ave	Everett First Church of the Nazarene 2502 Lombard Ave	First Baptist Church 1616 Pacific Ave				UPDATED 5/01/2020

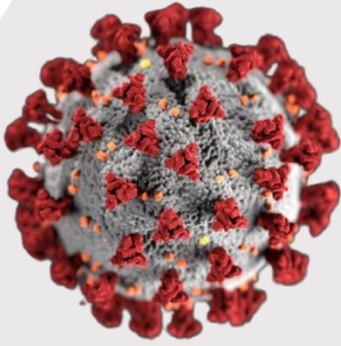
Arlington Disaster Relief Events

The LIFEchurch360 is hosting Arlington Disaster Relief events Monday May 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday May 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at LIFEchurch360, located at 3131 Smokey Point Drive, Arlington. Bags of food and hygiene items will be available.

Visit [LIFEchurch360's Facebook page](#) for more details.

Northshore Senior Center Services

Although the Northshore Senior Center facilities are closed, they are still providing several services for people needing support during COVID-19.



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NORTHSHORE SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

Northshore Senior Center is still providing services for people needing support during COVID-19. Information at right.

DOH COVID-19 VISUALIZATIONS GET AN UPGRADE

Washington State Department of Health has improved the data visualizations contained on the COVID-19 dashboard. Details and links at right.

For more information please visit Northshore Senior Center' [webpage](#) and read their [newsletter](#).

NORTHSHORE SENIOR CENTER

UPDATE ON SERVICES

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
UNTIL WE REOPEN**

DOOR TO DOOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

MEALS ON WHEELS

COMMUNITY DINING - TO GO MEALS
MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 11:45A-12:15P

POP-UP PANTRY (NON-PERISHABLE FOOD)
SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ONLY FROM (T/F) 11A-1P
COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM (T/F) 1-2P

CONTINUED SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT

PEOPLE NEEDING SUPPORT CAN CALL THE SENIOR CENTER
STARTING MONDAY MORNING TO ARRANGE FOR SERVICES.
425-487-2441


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HOW CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE DONATE!
WWW.TINYURL.COM/NORTHSHORECRISIS

DOH COVID-19 Visualizations Get an Upgrade

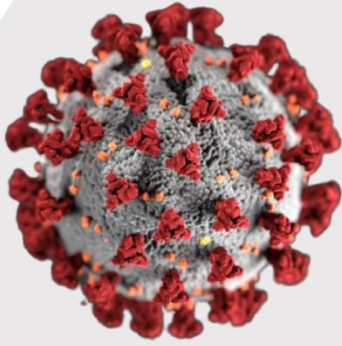
Visitors to the Washington State [Department of Health's COVID-19 homepage](#) may notice a change starting May 3– a link to improved data visualizations. Clicking the “See Dashboard” link will reveal the same data and data sets previously offered, with improved usability and accessibility.

Improvements to support access for blind and visually impaired users include tab-key navigation, improvements for screen reader functionality and optimized font sizes and color contrast. DOH has also optimized the layout and improved the experience for tablet and mobile users.

The daily schedule to update the visualization remains the same. DOH would like to thank the Microsoft AI for Health team for their continued partnership.

Help Researchers and Planners Understand How Your Travel Habits Have Changed





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HELP RESEARCHERS AND PLANNERS UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR TRAVEL HABITS HAVE CHANGED

Researchers at University of Washington and Puget Sound Regional Council want to hear how your travel habits have changed. Link to the survey is at right.

MAY 5 ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR VA, SSI RECIPIENTS WHO DON'T FILE A TAX RETURN AND HAVE DEPENDENTS

The Internal Revenue Service today reminded Supplemental Security Income and Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries to act by **Tuesday, May 5** if they didn't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have dependents so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment.

FEMA ANNOUNCES \$200 MILLION FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM, SNOHOMISH COUNTY RECEIVES \$720,626

Snohomish County is receiving \$720,626 in funding for emergency food and sheltering. Details at right.

The COVID-19 pandemic abruptly changed travel habits throughout our region, with telecommuting, online shopping, virtual socializing and remote learning now much more widespread. Researchers and planners at the [University of Washington](#) and [Puget Sound Regional Council](#) are taking this unique opportunity to better understand these changes.

How have your travel habits changed? Their survey will provide important information and help inform regional planning for how to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution after the threat of COVID-19 is gone. Take the survey: <https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/moudon/389638>

May 5 Economic Impact Payment Deadline for VA, SSI Recipients Who Don't File a Tax Return and Have Dependents

The Internal Revenue Service today reminded Supplemental Security Income and Department of Veterans Affairs beneficiaries to act by **Tuesday, May 5** if they didn't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have dependents so they can quickly receive the full amount of their Economic Impact Payment.

Their \$1,200 payments will be issued soon and, in order to add the \$500 per eligible child amount to these payments, the IRS needs the dependent information before the payments are issued. Otherwise, their payment at this time will be \$1,200 and, by law, the additional \$500 per eligible child amount will be paid in association with a return filing for tax year 2020.

For more information please read the IRS' [news release](#).

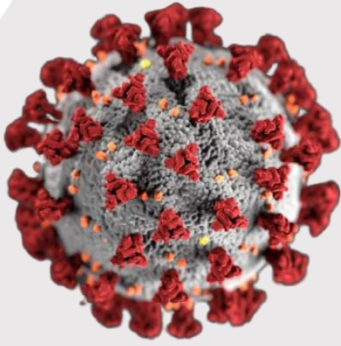
FEMA Announces \$200 Million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Snohomish County Receives \$720,626

FEMA announced that the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board will allocate \$200 million to communities across the country to assist organizations providing critical resources to people with economic emergencies, including our nation's hungry and homeless populations.

These funds were appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to ease financial hardship caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Funding will go to organizations dedicated to feeding, sheltering, and providing critical resources to people experiencing, or at-risk of experiencing, hunger and homelessness. In addition to the \$200 million supplemental funding from the CARES Act, Congress also appropriated \$120 million in FY 2019 annual funding to the EFSP. The funding, totaling \$320 million, will be distributed beginning in early June 2020 to human service organizations assisting those in need throughout the country.

The National Board is chaired by FEMA with representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and United Way Worldwide. The National Board administers the program, establishing its policies, procedures, and guidelines. United Way Worldwide, selected by the National Board to serve as its Secretariat and Fiscal Agent, carries out the work of the EFSP daily.

EFSP funding is allocated to qualifying local jurisdictions (counties and cities) based on a formula using the most recent national population, unemployment, and poverty data. Each funded jurisdiction establishes a Local Board that awards the grant funds to local social service organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, that can best address the identified needs of the community. With the FY 2019 and CARES Act funding, and the FY 2020 funding of \$125 million that is to be allocated to jurisdictions a couple months later, the total aid disbursed in the EFSP's 38-year history will be more than \$5 billion.



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FDA ISSUES EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION OF REMDESIVIR FOR COVID-19

The FDA has issued an emergency use authorization for the antiviral drug Remdesivir for the treatment of COVID-19 (suspected or laboratory-confirmed). More information at right.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

The Health District longer updates case counts on the website on Saturdays and Sundays.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

A state-by-state list of the eligible jurisdictions and allocation amounts is available on the [EFSP Website](#). Snohomish County will receive a total of \$720,626.

FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization of Remdesivir for COVID-19

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the investigational antiviral drug Remdesivir for the treatment of suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. While there is limited information known about the safety and effectiveness of using Remdesivir to treat people in the hospital with COVID-19, the investigational drug was shown in a clinical trial to shorten the time to recovery in some patients.

Kirkland, Washington-based EvergreenHealth is preparing to move forward with the next phase of clinical research studying the anti-viral Remdesivir as a potential treatment for COVID-19. For more information please read EvergreenHealth's [news release](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 4, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,553
Probable	232
Deceased	111

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	109 (77 recovered)
Bothell*	173 (123 recovered)
Brier	19 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	292 (178 recovered)
Everett	792 (478 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	22 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	105 (85 recovered)
Lynnwood	541 (285 recovered)
Marysville	211 (130 recovered)
Mill Creek	45 (30 recovered)
Monroe	67 (49 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	93 (56 recovered)
Mukilteo	51 (43 recovered)
Snohomish	125 (95 recovered)
Stanwood	87 (67 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	13 (5 recovered)
Unknown/Other	6 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (10 recovered)
Woodway	7 (5 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.