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Monday, May 18, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATE

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including economic recovery efforts. The link to view the video when it is uploaded is at right.

GOV. INSLEE HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE

Today, Governor Jay Inslee addressed the media to talk about the State's plan to reopen the health care system. Details and link to the recording at right.

TULALIP TRIBES CANCELS 2020 BOOM CITY SUMMER FIREWORKS SEASON

Last week, the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors announced the cancellation of the 2020 Boom City summer fireworks season. Letter at right.

PAINE FIELD FLIGHTS SUSPENDED FROM MAY 22 TO AUGUST 1

Paine Field has announced the suspension of passenger service from May 22 to August 1. See details at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Update

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Nate Nehring, Chair, Snohomish County Council and Advisory Group for Economic and Workforce Recovery. They will provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including economic recovery efforts.

The video is available at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>


Gov. Inslee Holds a Press Conference

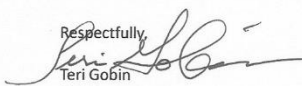
Governor Jay Inslee addressed the media today via streaming video and telephone to talk about the State's plan to reopen the health care system.

[Tune into TVW to watch the recording.](#)

Tulalip Tribes Cancel 2020 Boom City Summer Fireworks Season

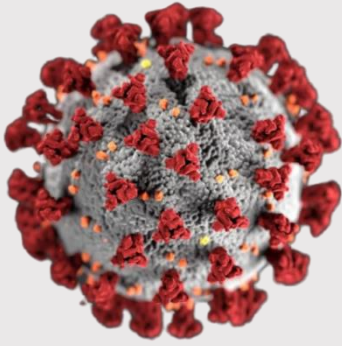
Last week, the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors announced it made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Boom City summer fireworks season. The letter issued to the community is below.



<p>Board of Directors: Teri Gobin – Chair Glen Gobin – Vice Chair Mel Sheldon Jr. – Secretary Misty Napeahi – Treasurer Marie Zackuse – Council Member Marlin Fryberg Jr. – Council Member Hazen Shopbell – Council Member</p>	<p>6406 Marine Dr Tulalip, WA 98271-9694 360-716-4500 Fax 360-716-0628</p>	<p>The Tulalip Tribes are federally recognized successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott.</p>
<p>May 15, 2020</p> <p>RE: 2020 Summer Fireworks Season Canceled Due to Pandemic</p> <p>Tulalip Membership:</p> <p>The Tulalip Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Boom City summer fireworks season. We met with the Boom City Committee, heard from a number of staff and tribal members, and carefully considered the potential risks of gathering people together for fireworks sales. The priority of the Tulalip leadership continues to be the health and safety of our tribal members. Given the continued uncertainty around this very serious pandemic, the Board of Directors has determined that we need to pause Boom City this year in order to protect the community.</p> <p>The Board recognizes the importance of this event every summer for many Tulalip families. We hope that by taking these difficult actions, we will help bring a quicker end to the pandemic on our Reservation. We look forward to a return of Boom City fireworks sales, when it is safe.</p> <p>Respectfully,  Teri Gobin Chairwoman Tulalip Tribes</p>		

Paine Field Flights Suspended from May 22 to August 1

Paine Field plans to suspend passenger service from May 22 to August 1 for aircraft ramp maintenance and repairs amid a massive drop in demand



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STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY UPDATES FROM SHD

See the link for the full Stay Home, Stay Healthy update from the Snohomish Health District at right.

for air travel linked to the coronavirus pandemic. The closure was announced Friday by the owner of the airport's passenger terminal.

Stay Home, Stay Healthy Updates from SHD

While the Snohomish Health District (SHD) is largely focused on the COVID-19 response, many public health activities still continue. Birth and death certificates are provided, permit applications are submitted, and other diseases are investigated.

Also in the midst of this, a Health District employee received a prestigious award Friday. Brenna Hoppe, an environmental health specialist in Food Safety, was virtually presented with the "Rookie of the Year" award from the Washington State Environmental Health Association.

The award recognizes a new member of the environmental health profession who:

- Has earned the respect of his/her peers for outstanding service in the promotion of, and contribution to, the environmental health profession;
- Does his/her job well, taking responsibilities seriously and continually strives for excellence;
- Shows commitment to the environmental health profession by giving of his/her ideas and efforts;
- Goes beyond what is expected; and
- Contributes to the advancement of the environmental health profession and everything the job and title represents.

Serology Testing

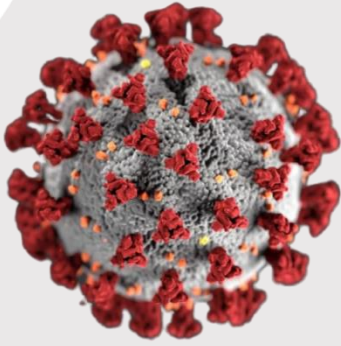
Dr. Chris Spitters, health officer for the Health District, [discussed recent data on serology testing](#) in media availability Friday morning. Individuals listed as "confirmed" on our case counts have had a positive PCR test from the respiratory tract. Those listed as "probable" have either:

- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed case, or
- A positive serologic test for antibodies to COVID-19 and credible history of a COVID-like illness.

Among the 295 probable cases listed, 35 had a positive serologic—or blood—test. Two of those individuals investigated reported having a COVID-like illness in mid- to late-December. A positive serology test indicates prior coronavirus infection. It does not provide details on when the infection was acquired or whether the individual has durable immunity to COVID-19. Given this, it is hard to determine if their illness in December truly was COVID-19, or if it was due to another respiratory infection (e.g., influenza, other viruses) and they later acquired an asymptomatic COVID-19 infection.

"Given reports like the ones that we've had and others around the country, introduction of COVID-19 may have occurred prior to mid-January," said Dr. Spitters. "While this is of scientific and academic interest, it doesn't really change where we sit today or where we have to move ahead. We need to continue our focus suppressing transmission by reducing exposures."

Similar advice is shared with the community. There is likely a lot of curiosity for those who may have felt ill in late-2019 or early-2020, wanting to know if that illness was COVID-19. However, there is not an immediate need to contact your healthcare provider for serologic testing. Researchers are still working to determine how much—if any—immunity a prior infection provides. Until more is known, the Health District advises continuing to focus on staying home and staying healthy.



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GOV. INSLEE EXTENDS FOUR PROCLAMATIONS RELATING TO COVID-19

Links to the four proclamations extended last Friday are available at right.

There are an additional 20-30 positive serologic results that have been reported to the Health District and are awaiting case investigation. These investigations are a lower priority for disease investigators because the window of time for public health intervention to be useful in these cases has passed. Health District investigators will follow-up on reports of positive serologic results as time is available.

Drive-thru Testing

As mentioned last week, the Health District completed its pilot of the rapid test machines and is returning to drive-thru sites similar to the site operated in March.

Community-based testing will resume at two different locations in the north end this week. One location will be on Wednesday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and another location on Friday, May 22. Location details and registration information will be released today. Updates will also be available at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

Case Counts and Updates

Updated case counts are done daily Monday through Friday, with any changes over the weekend included in the Monday updates. On Thursday the Health District published its [first weekly report on COVID-19 and long-term care facilities](#).

Also included on the case count page is a weekly update on testing:

Week	Total	Total negative	Total positive	Percent positive
3/3 - 3/9	450	374	76	16.9%
3/10 - 3/16	2891	2543	348	12.0%
3/17 - 3/23	3396	2976	420	12.4%
3/24 - 3/30	3396	2889	507	14.9%
3/31 - 4/6	3229	2859	370	11.5%
4/7 - 4/13	2548	2274	274	10.8%
4/14 - 4/20	2533	2328	205	8.1%
4/21 - 4/27	2519	2305	214	8.5%
4/28 - 5/4	2870	2691	179	6.2%
5/5 - 5/12	2756	2646	110	4.0%

For more information please read SHD's [news release](#).

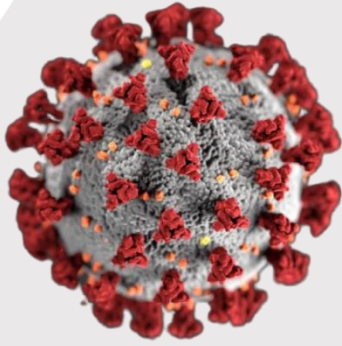
Gov. Inslee Extends Four Proclamations Relating to COVID-19

On Friday, Governor Jay Inslee announced the extension of four proclamations in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

A May 14, 2020, [letter](#) from the Legislature extends proclamation [20-49](#) until May 21 and proclamations [20-48](#) and [20-51](#), until May 31.

The statutory waivers and suspensions cited in [20-22.1](#) are extended until June 14, to align with the federal extension.

The four proclamations are as follows:



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GOV. INSLEE EXTENDS COVID-19 PROCLAMATION AIMED AT PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

Link to the proclamation strengthening emergency protection for domestic violence victims amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic is at right.

GOV. INSLEE STATEMENT ON VOLUNTARY CONTACT INFORMATION AS PART OF PHASED REOPENING

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statement on voluntary contact information for patrons visiting restaurants and taverns as part of phased reopening.

GOV. INSLEE ISSUES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION, GOLF, AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN PHASE 2

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance yesterday clarifying Phase 1 golf requirements and Phase 2 guidance for construction, golf, and photography. Links to the guidance at right.

[20-22.2](#) - Truck Driver Hours
[20-48.1](#) - CDL Licensing Waivers
[20-49.1](#) - Garnishment and Accrual of Interest
[20-51.1](#) - Community Associations Meetings and Late Fees

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

Gov. Inslee Extends COVID-19 Proclamation Aimed at Protecting Domestic Violence Victims

On Friday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of Proclamation [20-45](#), strengthening emergency protection for domestic violence victims amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. A May 15, 2020, [letter](#) from the Legislature extends the proclamation until June 15, and requires that where personal service is not used, service should still be through methods that can include an acknowledgment of receipt (email, text message, facsimile, or through social media applications).

The extended proclamation is as follows:

[20-45.1](#): Protection Orders and Personal Service

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

Gov. Inslee Statement on Voluntary Contact Information as Part of Phased Reopening

On Friday, Governor Jay Inslee issued a statement on [voluntary contact information](#) for patrons as part of phased reopening.

"We are asking visitors to voluntarily provide contact information in case of COVID-19 exposure. We only need information for one person per household. If we learn you may have been exposed to COVID-19 during your visit, the information will only be shared with public health officials. They will contact you to explain the risk, answer questions and provide resources. This information will not be used for any other purpose, including sales or marketing. If this list is not used within 30 days, it will be destroyed," Inslee said. "This will not be required of anyone."

Voluntary Customer Log Memo:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19CustomerLogMemo.pdf>

Voluntary Customer Log Template:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19VoluntarilyCustomerVisitorLogTemplate.pdf>

Background: [Inslee issues guidance for partially resuming dine-in restaurants and tavern industry in Phase 2](#)

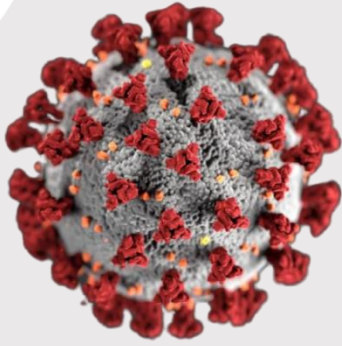
For more information please read the Governor's [news release](#) and [Tweet](#).

Gov. Inslee Issues Additional Guidance for Construction, Golf and Photography in Phase 2

On Friday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance for construction, golf and photography in Phase 2.

Guidance documents:

- [Memo: Resuming Construction](#)
- [Phase 2 Construction COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#)
- [Memo: Resuming Professional Photography](#)
- [Phase 2 Professional Photography COVID-19 Requirements](#)



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STATEMENT ON MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING ABOUT QUARANTINE ORDERS AND FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Last Friday, the Department of Health issued a statement on misinformation circulating about quarantine orders and facilities in Washington State. Information at right.

REPORT: DISTANCING MEASURES REMAIN CRITICAL AS COVID-19 TRANSMISSION PERSISTS

A new statewide report shows COVID-19 transmission is persisting in western Washington and slowly increasing in eastern Washington. Details at right.

Friday's guidelines on golf updates the original guidance for golf requirements in Phase 1. For counties granted variance to move to Phase 2, additional golf activities may resume effective May 15.

Guidance documents:

- [Memo: Golf Phase 1 Clarifications and Phase 2 Requirements](#)
- [Phase 1 Golf Restart Clarifications to COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations](#)
- [Phase 2 Golf Restart COVID-19 Requirements and Recommendations](#)

[Full list of guidance for all current businesses.](#)

Statement on Misinformation Circulating About Quarantine Orders and Facilities in Washington State

Statement from John Wiesman, Secretary of Health and Dr. Kathy Lofy, State Health Officer

The Department of Health is aware of rumors and misinformation circulating about quarantine orders and specialized quarantine facilities.

Public health officials regularly ask people who are sick with an infectious disease or may have been exposed to an infectious disease to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. This strategy has been used for decades to combat the spread of tuberculosis, measles, Ebola and SARS. Our experience during the COVID-19 pandemic and with other infectious diseases shows the vast majority of people we ask are willing to follow recommendations and isolate or quarantine themselves. Isolation and quarantine at home continues to be the best option and our recommendation for those who can do so safely. However, all of these actions are voluntary and confidential, despite the misinformation being spread by some.

We hope people will continue to protect their families and communities by following public health recommendations. We are striving to:

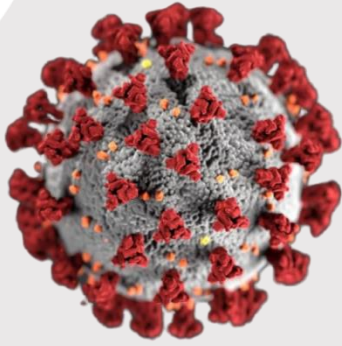
- provide timely and accurate information
- ensure access to services for those who need them to make staying at home possible
- provide a safe space for anyone who needs one

The authority to involuntarily isolate or quarantine an individual rests with local health officers. Each local health jurisdiction in Washington has plans and processes in place should involuntary isolation or quarantine be needed. This authority is rarely used as a last resort when someone is intentionally putting others at risk. We believe any facilities included in local health plans are most likely to be used by people who are willing to voluntarily isolate or quarantine but don't have a safe place available to do so. Again, nearly everyone sick with COVID-19 or exposed to COVID-19 is willing to follow public health recommendations voluntarily. We greatly appreciate the willingness of people in Washington to protect others in their community.

Report: Distancing Measures Remain Critical as COVID-19 Transmission Persists

A new [statewide report](#) shows COVID-19 transmission is persisting in western Washington and slowly increasing in eastern Washington. The measure of how many new infections a single COVID-19 case will produce – known as the effective reproductive number – has not changed significantly in either region since the last statewide report, and continues to be higher than ideal.

"The new report is one more data point emphasizing how critical physical distancing and other disease control measures continue to be," said Secretary of Health John Wiesman. "We've seen some success in our state



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NEW DOH BLOG POST: KEEP YOUR GERMS TO YOURSELF!

Link to the new blog from DOH is at right.

ASOTIN COUNTY MOVES TO PHASE 2

Today, Asotin County's variance application to move to Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan was approved.

CENSUS BUREAU TO RESUME 2020 CENSUS FIELD OPERATIONS IN EVERETT

The U.S. Census Bureau is resuming field operations in Everett. Details at right.

because of the work each and every one of us is doing to stop the spread of the virus, and an exponential increase in cases is still a possibility. I'm asking everyone to keep up the good work to protect their families and communities."

The Department of Health (DOH) worked with Bellevue-based Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM) and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop the report, which updates the estimates in a [previous statewide report](#) with data collected through early May.

The report is one of many data sources the state is using to [assess COVID-19 risk levels](#). These data sources help inform the state's [Safe Start](#) planning and guidance.

New DOH Blog Post: Keep Your Germs to Yourself!

One of the scariest parts of getting sick is the worry that you might make others sick. Most people who get COVID-19 will have mild illness and recover. Much of the work of public health is designed to help you recover without passing the virus on to your loved ones who may get very sick or die.

Even when we feel healthy, there are things we do to protect others just in case we may be coming down with COVID-19 and not know it yet. We wash our hands thoroughly and frequently, we use hand sanitizer, we stay more than six feet away from other people, we wear cloth face coverings in public, we stay home if we feel sick.

If you or someone you have had close contact with tests positive for COVID-19, public health professionals will ask you to stay in your home and avoid any contact with other people. This will help make sure you do not make anyone else sick. This is the same thing that we currently do — and have done for decades — if someone gets tuberculosis, measles, or other highly contagious dangerous infectious diseases. We ask them to stay home and not have contact with other people.

If public health asks you to stay home and away from other people, this is confidential and voluntary. However, no one wants to get anyone else sick. The vast majority of people who have COVID-19 or other infectious diseases are very willing to follow public health recommendations and stay home and away from other people. Public health professionals work to make sure that people with COVID-19 can stay in their homes safely and have everything they need, like groceries or medications.

For more information please read DOH's [blog post](#).

Asotin County Moves to Phase 2

Today Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman approved the variance application for Asotin County to move into Phase 2 of Gov. Jay Inslee's [Safe Start plan](#). This brings the total to 10 counties.

Census Bureau to Resume 2020 Census Field Operations in Everett

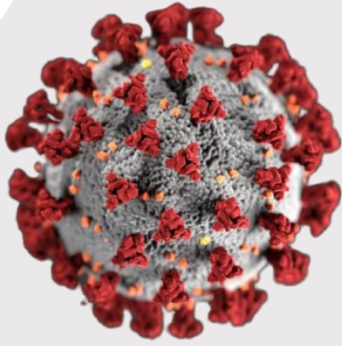
The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin a phased restart of some 2020 Census field operations. Everett's operations restarted on [May 13](#).

For more information please read the Census Bureau's [news release](#).

Census Bureau Updates Interactive Data Hub

The Census Bureau has released an updated version of the [interactive data hub](#) on its [COVID-19 resource page](#). The resource page is designed





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CENSUS BUREAU UPDATES INTERACTIVE DATA HUB

Link to the updated version of the interactive data hub available from the Census Bureau is at right.

TAX RELIEF TOOLKIT FOR PARTNERS

The IRS has released additional material for partner groups sharing information related to Economic Impact Payments. Details and links at right.

HOUSE PASSED \$3T HEROES ACT

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$3 trillion HEROES Act Friday evening. The bill now heads to the U.S. Senate.

CDC ISSUES HEALTH ALERT: MIS-C IN CHILDREN ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19

The CDC issued a health alert to healthcare providers warning of a new syndrome, multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), that may be associated with COVID-19. Link to the CDC alert is at right.

to help federal agencies, businesses and communities make decisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tax Relief Toolkit for Partners

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced the availability of additional material for partner groups sharing information related to Economic Impact Payments, including a new toolkit in English and Spanish and a variety of other print and visual items available.

To help share information with your family, friends, partners and clients, the IRS has more than 40 ready-to-use materials available. These are available at [Economic Impact Payments: Partner and Promotional Materials](#).

The IRS also has a special partner toolkit now available in both [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) and [English \(PDF\)](#). The toolkit offers a summary of various items related to Economic Impact Payments that partner groups can share.

In addition, the IRS has been working closely with partners in the tax community as the private sector worked to translate key Economic Impact Payments into more than two dozen different languages to get key information to more people.

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

House Passed \$3T HEROES Act

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the \$3 trillion Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act Friday evening.

The bill passed by a vote of 208-199 and now heads to the Senate.

CDC Issues Health Alert: MIS-C in Children Associated with COVID-19

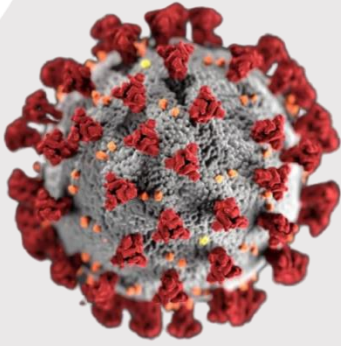
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [health alert](#) to healthcare providers warning of a new syndrome, multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C), that may be associated with COVID-19.

There have been increased reports of previously healthy children presenting with a severe inflammatory syndrome with Kawasaki disease-like features. The cases occurred in children currently or recently testing positive for COVID-19.



Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 18, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,807
Probable	319



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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

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**.

Deceased	126
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Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	118 (96 recovered)
Bothell*	208 (155 recovered)
Brier	20 (17 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	322 (240 recovered)
Everett	904 (634 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	24 (20 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	116 (97 recovered)
Lynnwood	599 (431 recovered)
Marysville	237 (178 recovered)
Mill Creek	50 (40 recovered)
Monroe	77 (61 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	102 (82 recovered)
Mukilteo	56 (54 recovered)
Snohomish	142 (120 recovered)
Stanwood	95 (77 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	20 (13 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 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.