

## Washington State Coronavirus Response (COVID-19)

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# Roadmap to Recovery Metrics:

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### **The Washington State COVID-19 - reopening phases**

The Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery phased reopening plan is a county-by-county evaluation process implemented by Governor Jay Inslee on March 11, 2021.

**On May 13, 2021 Governor Jay Inslee announced that the state is moving toward a statewide June 30 reopening date and that all counties in Washington will move to Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery reopening plan effective May 18 until June 30.**

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## Metrics

Counties are individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations occur on Mondays with any phase changes taking effect on Friday. The next evaluation is scheduled for May 18, 2021.

In addition to being individually evaluated, large and small counties have different sets of criteria. A small county is defined as a county with a population of less than 50,000.

Counties must meet at least one of the county-based metric thresholds in a given phase in order to remain in that phase. Counties that no longer meet both metrics will move back one phase. Counties that meet both county-based metrics of a higher level phase can move forward one phase.

County Size	Indicator	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Larger County	New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per 14 days	>350	200-350	<200

Larger County	New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per 7 days	>10	5-10	<5
Smaller County (<50K people)	New COVID-19 cases over 14 days	>175	100-175	<100
Smaller County (<50K people)	New COVID-19 hospitalizations over 7 days	>5	3-5	<3

## Roadmap to Recovery reports and data downloads prior to March 11, 2021

- [Methods for the Roadmap to Recovery \(PDF\)](#).
- [Roadmap to Recovery metrics, January 8, 2021 to February 21, 2021 \(XSLX\)](#) - last updated 2/16/2021
- [Roadmap to Recovery Metrics before January 8, 2021 \(XSLX\)](#).

## Reports

### [Roadmap to Recovery reports](#)

## COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard

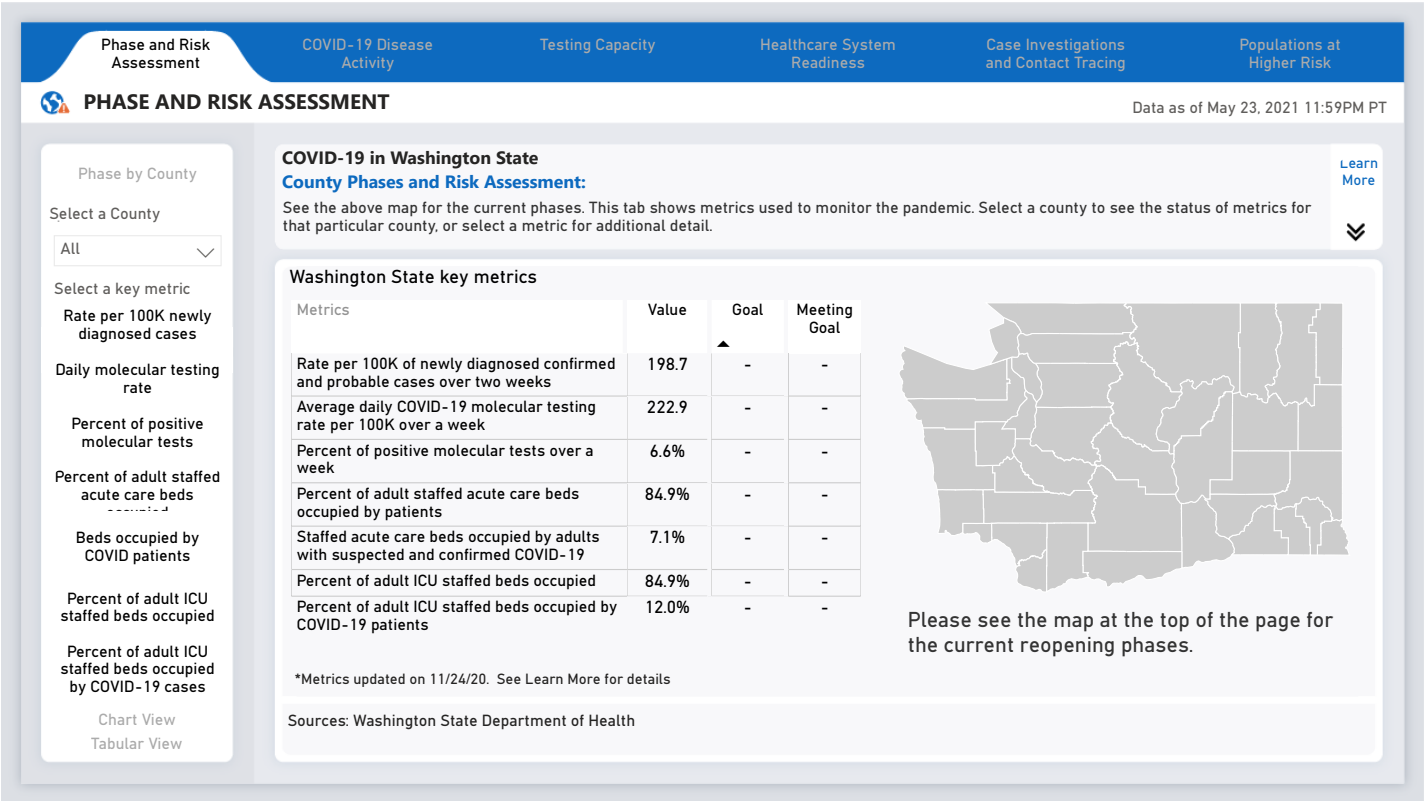
The data in the previous COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard will continue to be updated Monday-Friday. Current phases are shown in the map at the top of this page.

## About this dashboard

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Dependent on the measure, data may be available at a county or regional level. When choosing a particular filter, that value will apply as you move from measure to measure. Change your view by clicking the menu on the left.

**Monday, May 24, 2021:** Negative test results data from November 21-30, 2020, are incomplete. In addition, we are unable to update negative test results data today due to an interruption in the Department of Health's data processes. Thus, total and negative test results and percent positivity (Testing Capacity tab) should be interpreted with caution. Otherwise, the incomplete time frames presented in the dashboard are correct and up to date. The COVID-19 Disease Activity tab is the most accurate representation of COVID-19 activity and is updated daily as new cases are identified.



- [Healthcare readiness by Region \(CSV\)](#).

## Technical notes

### Dashboard update schedule

DOH updates the Risk Assessment dashboard every Monday-Friday, with the exception of federal and state holidays (e.g., December 25, January 1).

### Testing

DOH changed the methodology for reporting out testing results. Effective of August 25, 2020, total number of tests will be reported on the data dashboard instead of the total individuals who were tested. New positive and negative test counts include all molecular tests including PCR by specimen collection date among individuals who have not previously tested positive. Multiple test results from the same day are counted only once and repeat tests on an individual are excluded after the first positive result. This methodology has been applied to the entire 2020-time frame covered in the dashboard. The testing trends remain largely the same.

With the change in methods, we also added a new Daily Testing Rate metric. This measure helps us understand the relative testing levels and our ability to detect cases. Details on this metric can be found under Learn More on the Testing Capacity tab. This metric will replace the current, "Individuals tested per new case" on the dashboard.

### Time delays and lags

Minor time delays in the collection of laboratory testing data, confirming cases, hospitalizations, and deaths occur regularly due to processing and reporting variation between data sources. This variation is due to differences in individual actions, laboratory capacities, and case confirmation and reporting processes.

After analyzing time lags between steps, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) increased the period of incomplete reporting for most metrics to 10 days to ensure that 90% of data are accounted for in our posted numbers. For each metric shown on a time trend, the incomplete data period is shown in light gray. We provide a Learn More link with more detail on the period of incomplete data.

### Cases

Effective December 16, 2020, case, hospitalization, and death counts include both confirmed and probable cases. Confirmed cases are those where individuals had a positive molecular test result for COVID-19. Probable cases are those where individuals had a positive antigen test result for COVID-19, but no positive molecular test result. Our dashboard includes antigen test results dating back to June 2020, when they were first reported in Washington.

## Hospitalizations

A “COVID-19 hospitalization” is a Washington resident identified using case investigation data in the Washington Disease Reporting System (WDRS) or linkage with Rapid Health Information Network (RHINO) records as hospitalized with confirmed or probable COVID-19. Beginning April 30, 2021, we will use data entered into WDRS to assign the earliest hospital admission date. Only if an investigator doesn’t provide a hospital admission date, we will use the earliest hospital admission date from RHINO. Prior to April 30, 2021, we assigned the earliest hospital admission date whether it originated from WDRS or RHINO.

## Population

Metrics calculated using population denominators may have changed slightly April 12, 2021. On that date, we used Washington Office of Financial Management 2020 estimates to update population estimates on the DOH dashboards ([April 1 official population estimates](#) | [Office of Financial Management \(wa.gov\)](#)).

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