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# 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

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On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Washington State.

Learn more about the coronavirus from Washington State's [official COVID-19 website](#) [↗](#). Maintained by the state [Joint Information Center](#) [↗](#).

## Washington Needs Health Practitioners for the COVID-19 State of Emergency

Health professionals licensed in other states may practice in Washington by registering through the [emergency volunteer health practitioner process](#) or by [applying for a WA license](#), which may result in the department issuing a temporary practice permit.

## Contact our Call Center

The Washington State Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, or how the virus is spread, please call **1-800-525-0127**. Phone lines are currently **staffed from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m, seven days a week**.

## More Information

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Situation summary, 2019 novel coronavirus](#) [↗](#)
- [Learn about human coronaviruses](#) [↗](#)

### Washington State Department of Health News Releases

- Find news releases [in our Newsroom](#)

Please note that this call center can not access COVID-19 testing results. For testing inquiries or results, please contact your health care provider.

## Symptoms and Testing

- + What should I do if I have symptoms or have been exposed?
- + How do I get tested?

## Resources and Recommendations

- + General Information
- + Guidance

## Current Situation in Washington

### What's the current risk?

The risk posed by a virus outbreak depends on factors including how well it spreads between people, the severity of the illness it causes, and the medical or other measures we have to control the impact of the virus (for example, vaccine or treatment medications).

- COVID-19 is spreading in several communities in Washington, the risk of exposure is increasing for people who live in our state.
- Healthcare workers caring for patients with COVID-19 are at elevated risk of exposure.
- Those who have had close contact with persons with COVID-19 are at elevated risk of exposure.
- Travelers returning from affected international locations where community spread is occurring are at elevated risk of exposure.

Our knowledge of COVID-19 is still rapidly evolving. The risk assessment will be updated as needed.

## 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Washington

*Updated on March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.*

### Number of Individuals Tested

County	Positive/Confirmed Cases	Deaths
<a href="#">Benton</a> ↗	7	2
<a href="#">Chelan</a> ↗	3	0
<a href="#">Clallam</a> ↗	4	0
<a href="#">Clark</a> ↗	10	3
<a href="#">Columbia</a> ↗	1	0
<a href="#">Cowlitz</a> ↗	3	0
<a href="#">Franklin</a> ↗	3	0
<a href="#">Grant</a> ↗	18	1
<a href="#">Grays Harbor</a> ↗	1	0
<a href="#">Island</a> ↗	21	1
<a href="#">Jefferson</a> ↗	6	0
<a href="#">King</a> ↗	1040	75
<a href="#">Kitsap</a> ↗	18	0
<a href="#">Kittitas</a> ↗	4	0
<a href="#">Klickitat</a> ↗	4	0
<a href="#">Lewis</a> ↗	2	0

<a href="#">Lincoln</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Mason</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Pierce</a>	107	1
<a href="#">San Juan</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Skagit</a>	33	0
<a href="#">Snohomish</a>	480	10
<a href="#">Spokane</a>	20	0
<a href="#">Stevens</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Thurston</a>	11	0
<a href="#">Walla Walla</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Whatcom</a>	14	2
<a href="#">Yakima</a>	16	0
Unassigned	165	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>95</b>

### Number of Individuals Tested

Result	Number of Individuals Tested	Percent of Tests
Negative	28,879	94%
Positive	1,996	6%

### Confirmed Cases / Deaths by Age

Age Group	Percent of Cases	Percent of Deaths
<19	2%	0%

20-29	9%	0%
30-39	14%	0%
40-49	14%	2%
50-59	17%	6%
60-69	16%	10%
70-79	15%	30%
80+	15%	50%

### Confirmed Cases / Deaths by Gender

Sex at Birth	Percent of Cases	Percent of Deaths
Female	51%	54%
Male	45%	44%
Unknown	4%	2%

**Note on the county and unassigned data:** This data changes rapidly as labs conduct tests and discover new cases. Labs assign those cases to a county. Counties or the Department of Health then determine the appropriate county of jurisdiction. Those don't always match initially. We're working to reduce the "unassigned" number to 0. Contact the local health department for county specific information.

**Note on the deaths:** Some deaths may be reported by health care providers, medical examiners/coroners, local health departments, or others before they are included in the statewide count. It takes longer for the state to announce deaths because they are often reported first to the local health department and then to us.

**Note on the number of infections:** Public health experts agree that the true number of people who have been infected with COVID-19 in Washington greatly exceeds the number of COVID-

19 infections that have been laboratory-confirmed. It is very difficult to know exactly how many people in Washington have been infected to date since most people with COVID-19 experience mild illness and the ability to get tested is still not widely available.