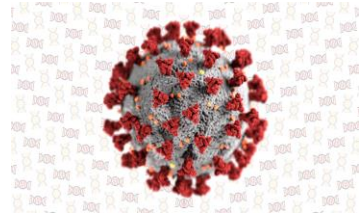




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**Situation Report --- COVID-19 --- Cowlitz County**  
**27 JULY 2020 (1300 hrs PDT)**

Prepared by IMT	Cowlitz Co. COVID-19 Incident Management Team (IMT)	Incident Name and Mission Number
IMT.pio@co.cowlitz.wa.us	Incident Command	COVID-19
IMT.planning@co.cowlitz.wa.us	IMT.command@co.cowlitz.wa.us	20-0265

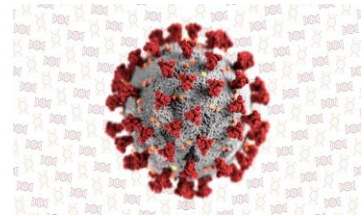
Current Incident Management Structure	Current Incident Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COVID Incident Management Team (IMT) is currently downsized to a Type 4 level</li> <li>The current staffing of the IMT includes (1) Incident Commander, (1) PIO, (1) Logistics &amp; Planning, (1) Finance, (1) Operations w/ Public Health Staff</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide for the safety and health of citizens and response personnel, including preventing and reducing morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.</li> <li>Provide an effective and proactive public relations and information strategy related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Inform stakeholder agencies of the preventive, preparative, and response efforts to minimize disruptions to the communities.</li> <li>Provide for the safe receipt, storage, and distribution of COVID-19-related commodities, especially PPE.</li> <li>Establish, maintain, and utilize surveillance to understand the current COVID-19 situation.</li> <li>Actively manage and control costs, apportioning costs by jurisdiction.</li> <li>Find a long-term solution and location for the PPE warehouse operation.</li> </ol>

**KEY UPDATES**

- On 23 July, the Governor announced “Safe Start” rollbacks to some activities ---
    - Since 25 July, masks must also be worn in all public common spaces such as hallways and elevators in building and shared spaces in apartment complexes and nursing homes, etc.
    - Per 30 July, restaurants/taverns/bars: only household members dining indoors, no alcohol sales after 10pm, no indoor bar service, game areas closed.
    - Per 30 July, in gyms/fitness-centers only 5 people limit.
    - Per 06 August, funeral and wedding ceremonies are allowed, but receptions for these are NOT allowed. Indoor ceremonies limit 20% capacity or max. 30 people, whichever is fewer.
- More detailed information:  
<https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-rollbacks-to-some-activities-to-slow-covid-19-exposure-19003e510127>



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- Based on the Governor’s changes (see above) Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Safe Start [“What’s Open” graphics](#) have been updated.
- On July 15th, the CDC updated their COVID-19 One-Stop Shop Toolkits [CDC COVID-19 Toolkit](#) – featuring videos, social media, PSAs, print resources, checklists, FAQs and web resources
- On July 20th, State Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced that he is returning all COVID-19 [Safe Start](#) applications from counties whose applications were put on pause including Cowlitz County’s application to move to Phase 3. [Safe Start Applications returned to Seven Counties.](#)

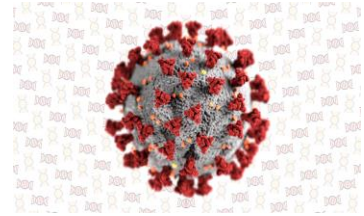
## COVID-19 CASES OVERVIEW

<b>COWLITZ COUNTY</b> (as of 27 JUL 2020, 1200hrs)	<b>Change</b> since 22 JUL 2020	<b>Total</b>
Total Positive Tests	+ 33	416
Total Negative Tests	+ 373	9,281
Total Active Cases	+/-0	247
Total Recovered Cases	+ 41	170
Total Deaths	+ 1	4
Current Hospitalizations	+/-0	3
<i>For additional case information check the <a href="#">“Cowlitz COVID-19 Demographic Data”</a> webpage</i>		

<b>Washington State</b> (as of 27 JUL 2020, 1200hrs)	<b>Change</b> since 22 JUL 2020	<b>Total</b>
Number of individuals tested	+ 78,163	919,347
Total Positive Tests	+ 4,060	52,635
Total Deaths	+ 36	1,501
Current Hospitalizations	+ 213	5,374
<i>For the latest State data check the <a href="#">State of Washington Dept. of Health COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Note: some of the <a href="#">State data</a> may not completely agree with the locally generated data due to time delays)</i>		



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### Washington State issued Guidance and Orders

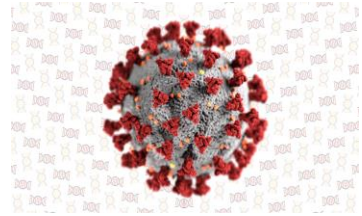
- [List of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)
- Washington State application process for eligible counties to apply moving to a new phase – see [County status and Safe Start application process](#)
- [Washington COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Business and Workers](#) including Essential Business Guidance; Phase 1 Business Activity Guidance and Phase 2 Business Activity Guidance

### School Reopening Information

- From the CDC new science-based resources & tools for school administrators, teachers parents, guardians, and caregivers --- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>
- ESD 112 has developed and is sharing A “Return To School Communications Toolkit” --- [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qb4XaIJ36IK8WvPf7RRQ\\_46Z30jB4rVm](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qb4XaIJ36IK8WvPf7RRQ_46Z30jB4rVm)
- The state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has released a [framework](#) for Washington K-12 schools to reopen this fall
- Links to School District websites for “Plans for Opening” information
- On July 15th, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM) released a new [Paper based on agent-based model "Covasim", to simulate specific strategies for school reopenings](#) that shows reopening schools without taking preventative measures may lead to a significant increase of COVID-19 in the population.
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance & Resources - <https://www.k12.wa.us/about-ospi/press-releases/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-resources>
- Parent Guide to COVID in K-12 Schools: [https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/communications/COVID-19%20in%20Schools\\_Parent%20Guide.pdf](https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/communications/COVID-19%20in%20Schools_Parent%20Guide.pdf)



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### Local Informational Resources

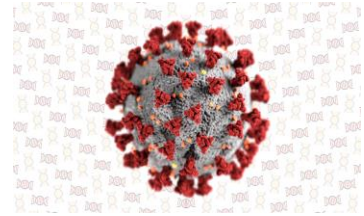
- Cowlitz County Novel Coronavirus -- webpage  
<https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/2660/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- Cowlitz COVID-19 Current Statistics  
<http://apps.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Forms/PublicPatientInfoCVD19>
- Community Resource Guide: [Shelter information for the Homeless](#)
- St John Medical Center --- [COVID Safety information](#) about patients or visitors coming to the hospital
- WA state government COVID-19 Resources: one-stop-shop for families, workers and businesses regarding COVID-19 <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- 211 Community Resources (financial assistance, food, shelter, healthcare, transportation, etc.)  
<https://wa211.org/>

### Individual and Business Assistance Information

- **Webinar: How Counties are using CARES Act Dollars to support local economies and workforce – 06 AUG 11:00 – 12:00 PDT ----** <https://www.naco.org/events/how-counties-are-using-cares-act-dollars-support-local-economies-and-workforce>
- Small Business Administration reopened applications for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – application deadline is August 8, 2020. PPP is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. [Link to SBA's PPP](#)
- SW Washington COVID Response Fund - Provides funding to local nonprofits addressing the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The fund is open to donations from the public. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Those interested in learning more can visit [cfsww.org/covid19](https://cfsww.org/covid19).
- [Economic impact payments: What you need to know](#)
- [Employment Security Department has programs designed to help individuals and employers](#)
- COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Workers  
<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>
- WA State Dept. of Labor & Industries COVID-19 website --- <https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-topics/topics/coronavirus>



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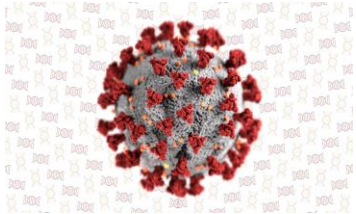
- Employment Security Department (ESD) released the [County unemployment rates and employment data for June 2020](#). ESD also has [new labor market information and tools](#) showcasing popular information and data.
- The County Health & Human Services Department has developed a health-officer-approved [toolkit for “Employers with COVID-19 Positive Cases or Exposures”](#).
- **US Dept of Labor / OSHA – FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions of businesses related to operating under COVID-19 conditions** --- <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-19-faq.html>
- **Centers of Disease Control (CDC): General Business Frequently Asked Questions** --- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html>

## Current Concerns in the Community

- **Face Masks or Cloth Face Coverings?**  
Washington State's official COVID-19 site --- <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for-you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering>
- **“Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” about Cloth Face Coverings and Masks**  
Washington State's Dept. of Health website --- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/ResourcesandRecommendations/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasks/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasksFAQ>
- **Are we finding more cases because we are doing more testing?**  
Are Cowlitz County Public Health’s increased case counts the result of increased testing as opposed to a true increase in disease transmission in the community? When analyzing the County’s test and case data from mid-May to mid-June it was found that during that time period, testing increased by only 7% while cases increased thirteen-fold. **The primary driver of our increase in cases from mid-May to mid-June was the fact that more of our tests were positive, not because we were doing more testing.** Please contact [Askcowlitzhealth@co.cowlitz.wa.us](mailto:Askcowlitzhealth@co.cowlitz.wa.us) with any questions or comments
- **Webinar: How Counties are using CARES Act Dollars in social safety net services – 06 AUG 11:00 – 12:00 PDT** -- <https://www.naco.org/events/how-counties-are-investing-cares-act-dollars-social-safety-net-services>



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<b>Jurisdictional Information - Websites</b>	
Cowlitz County	<a href="https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/2673/Cowlitz-COVID-19-IMT">https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/2673/Cowlitz-COVID-19-IMT</a>
City of Castle Rock	<a href="https://ci.castle-rock.wa.us/index.htm">https://ci.castle-rock.wa.us/index.htm</a>
City of Kalama	<a href="https://www.cityofkalama.com/">https://www.cityofkalama.com/</a> < <a href="https://www.cityofkalama.com/">https://www.cityofkalama.com/</a> >
City of Kelso	<a href="https://www.kelso.gov/news/press-release-covid-19">https://www.kelso.gov/news/press-release-covid-19</a>
City of Longview	<a href="https://www.mylongview.com/633/4430/COVID-19-Response">https://www.mylongview.com/633/4430/COVID-19-Response</a>
City of Woodland	<a href="http://www.ci.woodland.wa.us/news/covid-19.php">http://www.ci.woodland.wa.us/news/covid-19.php</a>