

## Seattle King County NAACP Health Committee Coronavirus Watch - 3/20/21

| CURRENT OVERVIEW                          |                    |                   |
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| ↑ = increase compared to 3/13/2021 update |                    |                   |
| Location                                  | Confirmed Cases    | Total Deaths      |
| Global                                    | 122 M ↑ 3.0 M      | 2.69 M ↑ 50,000 K |
| US  | 29.8 M ↑ 400,000 K | 541 K ↑ 9,000 K   |
| Washington                                | 356 K ↑ 5,000K     | 5,224 K ↑ 41      |
| King County                               | 87,395 ↑ 1,391     | 1,457 ↑ 16        |

Data source: [Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center](#) & [WA State DOH](#)  
 Data reflects the most accurate figures available as of 7pm PST on Fridays

| SUPPORT RESOURCES  |
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| <p><b>Testing Location Information</b><br/>                     COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977<br/>                     or visit<br/> <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing/locations">www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing/locations</a></p> |
| <p><b>WA State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline</b><br/>                     Call 1-800-525-0127<br/>                     or text "Coronavirus" to 211-211</p>  |

### Important Information from the Office of the Governor (Washington State):

Face masks/coverings are required for common public settings and maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from others, to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

**Covid Vaccines Updates!** <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/VaccineLocations>

**March 17, everyone in Tier 2 will be eligible** for their COVID vaccine: Anyone 65 and older, 50 and older who also live in a multigenerational dwelling, Teachers, workers in agriculture, food processing, grocery stores, public transit, firefighters and law enforcement, over the age of 16 who are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at high-risk are included. **March 31**, people with 2 or more diseases and those 60-64 yrs. old are added.

**NEW COVID STRAIN!** A new variant of Covid 19 has been identified. It is currently thought that the existing vaccines should provide protection against these new strains; Covid precautions should continue!

**New Roadmap to Recovery Plan** - Effective March 22, the entire state will enter **Phase 3**. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/HealthyWashington.pdf>. Phase 3 means many businesses can now open at 25 % with limited indoor consumers.

### Inslee Issues Restrictions, Beginning – 3/22/21 - PHASE III Mask and Social Distancing Required

- **Sports Spectators** will be allowed to attend outdoor venues with permanent seating with capacity capped at 25%. The change affects both professional and high school sports, as well as motorsports, rodeos, and other outdoor spectator events. Social distancing and facial covering are still required.
- **Indoor Social Gatherings** – 50% Occupancy or 400 max for large venues. Social distancing and mask required.

- **Restaurants and Bars** – Indoor dining 50% occupancy
- **Fitness Facilities and Gyms** – 50 % occupancy
- **Indoor Entertainment Establishments** (movies, concerts, museums) – 50% Occupancy
- **Weddings and Funerals** – 50 % occupancy
- **Religious Services** – 50% occupancy
- **Personal Services** – 50 % occupancy.

**Inslee issues travel advisory for Washington.** On 11/13/20 Gov. Inslee issues a travel advisory where he recommended a 14-day quarantine for interstate and international travel and those arriving in WA from. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-travel-advisory-washington>

**Inslee extends eviction moratorium, public utilities proclamation.** Gov. Inslee announced the eviction moratorium and public utility proclamations will continue through **June 30, 2021**. <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-eviction-moratorium-public-utilities-proclamation>

**State health experts: Flu vaccine should be considered “essential” this year.** The presence of both viruses could put more people in the hospital and strain Washington’s health care system. Still available.

**The DSHS Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP).** DSHS is authorized to expand eligibility for the FEAP to include individuals and families without children. This proclamation is effective immediately and will expire at the end of the state of emergency. [effective 7/9/20] <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-related-family-emergency-assistance-program>

**USDA extends waivers: WIC continues to provide remote services.** The federal government has made it easier for people to participate in the WIC program during the pandemic.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has extended the waivers that allow the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children](#) (WIC) to offer remote services to participants.

### **Resources:**

Need internet access to keep up with important updates? Use the **Washington State Department of Commerce’s Drive-In WIFI hotspots Location Finder** for FREE emergency internet access, provided as a response to the impacts of COVID-19.

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/>

**Mental and emotional support – Washington Listens** is offering FREE support specialists to help with managing stress due to COVID-19. **Call 1-833-681-0211** (TTY and language access services are available).

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/mental-and-emotional-well-being>

**For a full list of city, community, county, state, and federal resources** call the **City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau** (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm PST) at **206-684-CITY** (206-684-2489), or visit Mayor Durkan’s webpage. <https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19>