

Seattle King County NAACP Health Committee Coronavirus Watch - 5/08/21

CURRENT OVERVIEW		
↑ = increase compared to 5/01/2021 update		
Location	Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths
Global	158 M ↑ 6.0 M	3.29 M ↑ 11 K
US	32.7 M ↑ 300,000 K	581 K ↑ 5,000 K
Washington	416 K ↑ 11,000 K	5,609 K ↑ 62
King County	105 K ↑ 3,000	1,534 ↑ 17

*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
<p>Testing Location Information COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977 www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing/locations</p>
<p>WA State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline 1-800-525-0127 or text "Coronavirus" to 211-211</p>
<p>Vaccine Sites 1-800-525 - 0127 https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/</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.

Cases associated with variants of concern (disease strains that may spread faster, cause more severe illness or affect antibodies' ability to recognize the virus) are increasing.

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

Everyone 16 and older eligible for vaccine. Johnson and Johnson available again in Washington.

In Home Vaccine Available to those with challenges reaching vaccine locations. Call the King County COVID-19 Call Center at 206-477-3977 between 8 AM – 7 PM PST, every day to schedule an appointment.

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 – King County is in **Phase 3**. Rolling Back to **Phase 2 is paused**. . <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 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>

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 7/9/2020]

<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>