

## Seattle King County NAACP Health Committee Coronavirus Watch 7/17/20

***Coronavirus remains a serious threat!***

CURRENT OVERVIEW				
▲ = increase compared to 7/10/20 update				
Location	Confirmed Cases		Total Deaths	
Global	14,049,207	▲1,946,879	601,494	▲50,448
US	3,641,417	▲534,486	139,175	▲6,320
Washington	45,067	▲5,849	1,434	▲10
King County	12,766	▲1,198	631	●*

*Data source: Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center | Cross-reference: WA State Department of Health (DOH)*

*Data reflects the most accurate figures available as of 7pm PST on Fridays*

▲ = increase in cases/deaths

### Important Updates:

- **Washington State experienced the highest single day increase in cases (1,292) since January, reported by the DOH on Thursday 7/16/20.** Though King County is still in Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan (reminder: up to 5 people per gathering for social gatherings outside of the home), on Monday July 20th Phase 3 counties will be subject to a new social gathering limit reduction from 50 people per gathering to 10 people per gathering, as well as a ban on live entertainment across Washington State. This is in direct response to Thursday's case report, and is an attempt by Gov. Jay Inslee and Sec. of Health John Wiesman to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State.  
[\[https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-steps-address-covid-19-spread,](https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-steps-address-covid-19-spread)  
7/16/20]
- **Back to school measures:** The DOH, Public Health-Seattle & King County, and the Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM) have released a new report titled, "Schools Are Not Islands: We Must Mitigate Community Transmission to Open Schools". One of many key takeaways: **"Practice compassion. One thing is clear: if the virus is spreading in our communities, it will spread in our schools. Help our kids get back to school by doing your part to control the spread of COVID-19."**  
[\[https://covid.idmod.org/#/ResearchandReports,](https://covid.idmod.org/#/ResearchandReports) 7/15/20]

### Important Reminders:

- **Per the WA State Department of Health, face masks/coverings are required for indoor public settings and/or when outdoors and unable to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others, in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.**  
[\[https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering,](https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering) effective 6/26/20 until further notice]
- **Businesses statewide will not be able to serve visitors who are not wearing face masks, and are directed to require and enforce the use of face coverings, per Gov. Jay Inslee's extension of the Safe Start proclamation.** Businesses risk closure and potential business license revocation.

[\[https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-issues-facial-coverings-guidance\]](https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-issues-facial-coverings-guidance), effective 7/7/20]

- Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation related to 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. [<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-related-family-emergency-assistance-program>], effective 7/9/20]
- The U.S. Small Business Administration's **Paycheck Protection Program** has resumed accepting applications with a **deadline of 8/8/20**, to provide small businesses with funding to keep workers on payroll. [<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>], effective 7/6/20]

### **Additional Resources:**

- **COVID-19 testing locations:** in addition to testing through your health care provider, **free and low-cost testing is available at several King county locations**. Call the **King County COVID-19 Call Center at 206-477-3977** (7 days/week, 8am-7pm PST) or visit the King County Public Health website. [<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing/locations.aspx>]
- 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>]
- **The Washington State COVID-19 Assistance hotline** is available to provide information about COVID-19: **call 1-800-525-0127 or text "Coronavirus" to 211-211**. They are available Monday-Friday from 6am-10pm PST, and Saturday-Sunday (+state holidays) from 8am-6pm PST.
- **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 COVID-19 Resources for Community webpage. [<https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19>]