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2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

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.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions about 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). The potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 is very high, both to the United States and globally.

- The risk of exposure is increasing for people who live in Washington 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

County	Positive (confirmed) * †	Deaths
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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Washington

King	58	10
Snohomish	19	1
Grant	1	0
Jefferson	1	0
Total	79	11

* Includes deaths

† Please contact the local health department for information.

Note: 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 most often reported first to local health, then to us. Our daily web update includes all death reports we receive by the end of the previous day.

Number of People Under Public Health Supervision

Number of people under public health supervision[‡]

156

[‡] The number of people under public health supervision includes those at risk of having been exposed to novel coronavirus who are monitoring their health under the supervision of public health officials. This number includes people who have returned from China in the past 14 days and are included in [federal quarantine guidance](#).

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How Can I Be Prepared for a COVID-19 Outbreak?

What is the current state of COVID-19? >

How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19? >

How do I plan ahead for COVID-19? >

What do I do if COVID-19 starts spreading in my community? >

How can people protect themselves? >

What can I do to help? >

Other questions about COVID-19

Is the Department of Health sending traveler notification emails and letters to recent travelers >

from China?

What is a close contact?



What is a confirmed case?



How is it spread?



What are the symptoms?



What should I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?



How can people protect themselves?



What is the treatment?



Should I wear a mask when I go out in public?



What travel advisories are recommended?



What can I do to help?



More Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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