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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, seven days a week. Please note that this call center can not access COVID-19 testing results. For testing inquiries or results, please contact your health care provider.

### 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).

- COVID-19 is spreading in several communities in Washington, the risk of exposure is increasing for people who live in our 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.

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County*	Positive (confirmed) * †	Deaths
<a href="#">Clark</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Grant</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Jefferson</a>	1	0
<a href="#">King</a>	83	17
<a href="#">Kittitas</a>	1	0
<a href="#">Pierce</a>	4	0
<a href="#">Snohomish</a>	31	1
Unassigned	14	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>18</b>

\* **Note:** This data is changing rapidly as labs conduct tests and discover new cases. Labs will then assign those cases to a county. At that point, counties or the Department of Health determine the appropriate county of jurisdiction. Those don't always match initially. We're currently working to reduce the "unassigned" number to 0.

### Age

0 to 19 years	3
20 to 29 years	6
30 to 39 years	13
40 to 49 years	17
50 to 59 years	19
60 to 69 years	27
70 to 79 years	13
80+ years	27
Unknown	11

### Sex at Birth

Female	70
Male	51
Unknown	15

## Total Tests

<b>Positive</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Negative</b>	<b>1,110</b>

\* 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.

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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

What is a confirmed case? >

What is a close contact? >

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? >

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