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COVID-19 BULLETIN

Recap of Recent COVID-19 News and Updates

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Statewide Response Updates

Newest numbers. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) reported a total of 525,243 confirmed cases as of 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 6. In all, there have been 6,745 deaths in Washington due to COVID-19.

For the most recent data on cases by county, demographics, and more, visit the [Department of Health's dashboard](#) and the state's [Washington Ready page](#).

New and updated DOH guidance documents include:

- UPDATED [Cloth Face Coverings Guidance during COVID-19](#) to align with the recent [secretary of health's order](#) and [governor's proclamation](#).
- NEW [Interim Guidance for Health Care Worker Staffing Shortages](#)
- UPDATED [COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement FAQ for Health Care Workers](#)
- NEW [COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement FAQ for Child Care, Early Learning, and Youth Development Providers](#)
- UPDATED [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Employers \(Non-Healthcare Settings\)](#)

Additional guidance documents:

- From the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI): [COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement FAQ for Teachers and School Staff](#)
- From the Governor's Office: [General FAQ page](#) related to the [COVID-19 vaccination requirement proclamation 21-14.1](#)

COVID-19 long-term care report. As of Sept. 6, a total of 22,306 COVID-19 cases and 2,776 deaths have been identified as associated or likely associated with a long-term care facility (such as nursing home, assisted living facility, or adult family home). These cases include residents as well as employees and visitors. [Read the full Sept. 7 report.](#)

Inslee amends Washington Ready proclamation, issues new COVID-19 proclamation for nursing homes. Gov. Inslee amended the Washington Ready emergency order ([Proclamation 20-25](#)) and issued a new order to combat the spread of the delta variant in nursing homes ([Proclamation 21-15](#)). [Read the full news release.](#)

Resources

Get a vaccine, exposure notifications, and testing. Use the DOH [vaccine locator](#) to help end the pandemic. Next, get [WA Notify](#) so you'll know if you've been near another person who later tests positive for COVID-19. To get quickly and easily tested anywhere in Washington, visit the DOH [COVID-19 testing locations page](#).

Latest COVID-19 reopening guidance for businesses and workers. A full [list of current reopening guidance from the Governor's Office](#).

Guidance and resources for employers and business owners. [Sign up for the weekly Economic Resiliency Team business and worker newsletter.](#)

The state COVID-19 Assistance Hotline is for general COVID-19 information and questions. Call 1-800-525-0127, then press # or text 211-211 for help. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and [on state holidays](#). You can also text the word "Coronavirus" to 211-211 to receive links to the latest COVID-19 information on your phone, including county-level updates, and resources for families, businesses and students.

Washington Listens support line helps people manage stress and anxiety. If you or anyone you know is having difficulties managing stress right now, call the [Washington Listens support line](#) at 1-833-681-0211 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. TTY and language access services are available by using 7-1-1 or your preferred method. Resources and self-help tips are also available on [walistens.org](#).

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