

COVID-19 Data Update

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COVID-19 in Skagit to-date: Total Cases

5,143 PCR-positive cases reported

633 Antigen-positive cases reported

5,776 Total lab-positive cases



COVID-19 in Skagit to-date: Hospitalizations & Deaths

5,762 Total lab-positive cases

331 Hospitalizations
(Hospitalization rate: **5.7%**)

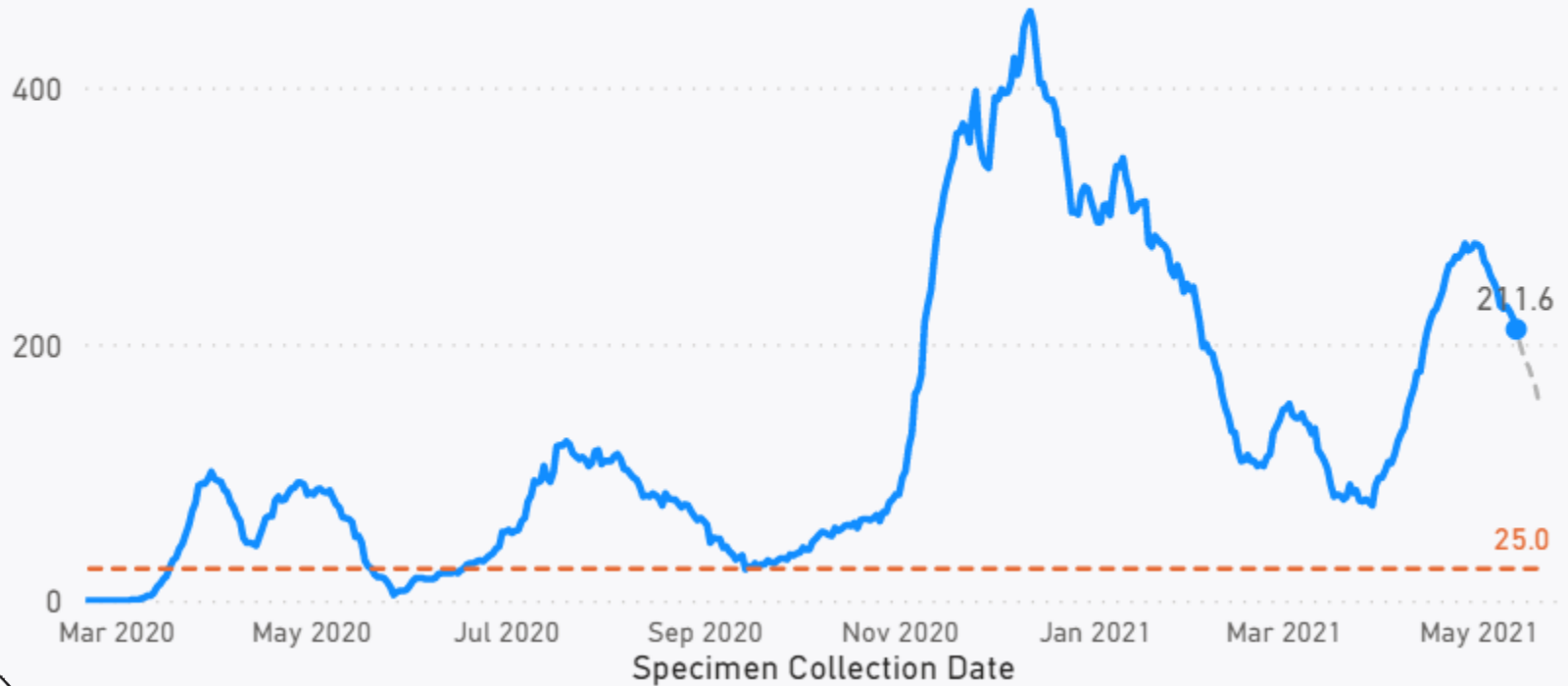
73 Deaths
(Mortality rate: **1.3%**)



COVID-19 in Skagit to-date: Epidemiologic Curve

Rate per 100K of newly diagnosed confirmed and probable cases during the prior two weeks

— Case rate ● Latest case rate - - - Case rate incomplete - - - Goal <25 case rate



[COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard](#)

**I GOT
MY COVID-19
VACCINE!**



COVID-19 Vaccine

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Skagit County Vaccination Progress

As of May 17, 2021

Total number of COVID-19 vaccination doses administered in Skagit County by registered vaccine providers.

Number of First Vaccine Doses Completed:

61,229

Approximate percentage of Skagit County that has received first vaccine dose:

46.94%

58.19% of individuals 16+

Number of Completed Vaccinations (Both doses):

50,843

Approximate percentage of Skagit County completely vaccinated (Both doses):

38.98%

48.32% of individuals 16+

www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard

Based on total population: 130,450

Population 16+: 105,221

www.skagitcounty.net/COVIDvaccine



Fairgrounds DRIVE-THRU Clinic

To make an appointment:

- www.skagitcounty.net/COVIDvaccine
- or call the Hotline: (360) 416-1500.



Fairgrounds Transition Plan

- In operation since December 2020
 - As of 5/20: **27,992 vaccines administered**
- Recent move by state and LHJs away from mass vaccination model to favor mobile and pop-ups
- Skagit Fairgrounds will transition to a community outreach model beginning June 5

JUNE 5

Final day of first-dose services – last day to guarantee second-dose at Fairgrounds Clinic

JUNE 26

Final day for the Skagit Fairgrounds Vaccine Clinic

JUNE 26 →

Mobile outreach and Pop-up model; Continued partnership with other local providers to ensure access



COVID-19 in Skagit to-date: Vaccine Breakthrough

21 Breakthrough cases
(Fully vaccinated, lab-positive)

0 Breakthrough cases
hospitalized in Skagit

0 Breakthrough cases died in
Skagit

See [WA State Report](#) for statewide data



“We’re prisoners of our own success. When formerly dreaded diseases are pushed into the shadows – or eliminated – questions about the vaccines themselves begin to spring up.”

– Dr. William Schaffner | Department of Preventative Medicine,
Vanderbilt University

New COVID Guidelines

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CDC Guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals (as of May 13)



GATHERINGS & RECREATION

- Resume regular activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, **including local business and workplace guidance.**



TRAVEL

- For Domestic Travel: No testing or quarantine requirements.
- For International Travel: Abide by international requirements.
 - You do NOT need to self-quarantine **after** arriving in the US.



QUARANTINE & TESTING

- For most individuals*, testing and quarantine no longer required after exposure unless you become symptomatic.
 - *Does not apply to those working in correctional or detention facilities or homeless shelters.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>



Roadmap to Recovery

Statewide reopening scheduled for June 30



Festivals and Events



Skagit County Public Health **2021 Workplan**

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2021 Skagit County Public Health Workplan

Equity

Engage in a process of mutual learning to identify and address important cross-cultural community health issues and their social determinants. Hire promotores and learn from their expertise to develop the community leadership necessary to eliminate health disparities. Partner closely with Latinx community service providers on outreach and education.

Communications

Create and implement a communications plan and public health branding to increase public understanding of, and support for, public health issues in Skagit County.

Our Vision: A thriving, collaborative, and cohesive community where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full health potential.

Our Mission: Skagit is a leader in convening partners to prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect the health of our community.

1 COVID-19 RESPONSE

- ⇒ Ensure the public has ready access to vaccination in locations throughout the entire community or in their homes when needed
- ⇒ Ensure low-barrier testing is accessible to the community
- ⇒ Provide case investigation and contact tracing for all identified Skagit County residents
- ⇒ Support individuals with resources necessary to quarantine and isolate in their homes or at another safe location
- ⇒ Provide information and support to schools and businesses to allow them to safely operate
- ⇒ Expand outreach to underserved populations, and broaden English and Spanish communications

2 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- ⇒ Create a dedicated Emergency Preparedness division
- ⇒ Engage in comprehensive COVID-19 after-action evaluation and reporting
- ⇒ Expand Public Health emergency preparedness community planning, outreach, and education
- ⇒ Recruit a Community Health Worker to expand outreach
- ⇒ Develop a Skagit County Medical Reserve Corps
- ⇒ Develop a Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) Employee Training Plan, incorporating staff and community strengths
- ⇒ Collaborate with DEM to identify roles, responsibilities, and partnership opportunities
- ⇒ Create a storage plan for PHEPR equipment and supplies

3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- ⇒ Permit new on-site septic systems and assure maintenance and repair of existing OSS systems
- ⇒ Develop and implement drinking water quality & quantity review and permitting process for drinking water permits within Health
- ⇒ Investigate and resolve reports of garbage accumulation or illegal dumping
- ⇒ Assure food safety by performing plan review, permitting, inspection and follow up on all retail food establishments throughout county
- ⇒ Begin SCC 12.48 update

4 HOUSING & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- ⇒ Create an affordable housing pipeline and develop an allocation plan for new affordable housing funding
- ⇒ Ensure services are in place for supportive housing and shelter projects
- ⇒ Partner with cities to build and fund a 24/7 low-barrier shelter
- ⇒ Expand services and support to school districts
- ⇒ Improve and ensure access to behavioral health care in the jail and continuity of care at release
- ⇒ Expand Medication Assisted Treatment to East County
- ⇒ Augment behavioral health and law enforcement co-responder models

5 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- ⇒ Investigate state notifiable conditions
- ⇒ Provide Direct Observed Therapy to active TB cases and their infected contacts
- ⇒ Provide case treatment for STDs when not provided by health care providers
- ⇒ Develop and expand chronic disease programming
- ⇒ Expand mobile clinics and needle exchange program to high-risk communities
- ⇒ Maintain and further develop community partnerships and outreach established during COVID pandemic

6 ASSESSMENT & PLANNING

- ⇒ Complete a community health assessment (CHA) that identifies the County's most pressing population health issues and COVID-19 recovery needs, including barriers to health and wellness for Latinos and other underserved communities in the County
- ⇒ Develop and deploy a COVID 19 recovery plan based on needs identified through the CHA
- ⇒ Increase access for young individuals experiencing developmental disabilities to the services and resources

7 CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH

- ⇒ Collaborate with community partners to build our Help Me Grow Skagit System
- ⇒ Provide Nurse Family Partnership to eligible families to improve healthy brain development and school readiness in children
- ⇒ Connect low-income families with dentists, focusing on prevention and avoiding tooth decay, and educate parents about how to take good care of their children's teeth

8 SENIOR SERVICES

- ⇒ Rebuild and grow participation at the senior centers upon Phase 4 reopening
- ⇒ Increase programs, messaging and education that focus on senior wellbeing and connectivity
- ⇒ Support and expand volunteer base
- ⇒ Develop and expand outreach services to address isolation and loneliness

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Equity as a Guiding Principle

- Engage in process of mutual learning to identify & address important cross-cultural community health issues and their social determinants
- Hire promotores & learn from their expertise to develop the community leadership necessary to eliminate health disparities
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Health Promotion & Communications

- Create & implement a communications plan & public health branding in order to increase public understanding of—and support for—public health issues in Skagit County

Communications Reach: 1/1/21 – 3/31/21

Type	English	Spanish
Blog posts Total Reach: 23,841	30	1
Weekly Video Updates	7	
Facebook Posts Total Reach: 386,556	187	59
Twitter Posts	25	
NextDoor Posts	38	
Direct Mailers	3234	3234
Weekly Email Updates through GovDelivery +1,200 subscribers	9	



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15,742

COVID-19 vaccines administered by Public Health at Skagit County Fairgrounds and at mobile clinics in the community

COVID-19 Response

1,382

Confirmed or probable cases contacted and counseled

756

Contacts made to employers and schools to prevent outbreaks

340

Care and food packages delivered to people in isolation

66

People housed at the quarantine/isolation hotel

386,556

Total reach of Public Health Facebook posts



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Staff working a pop-up vaccine clinic at the Skagit Speedway, May 22nd

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Environmental Health

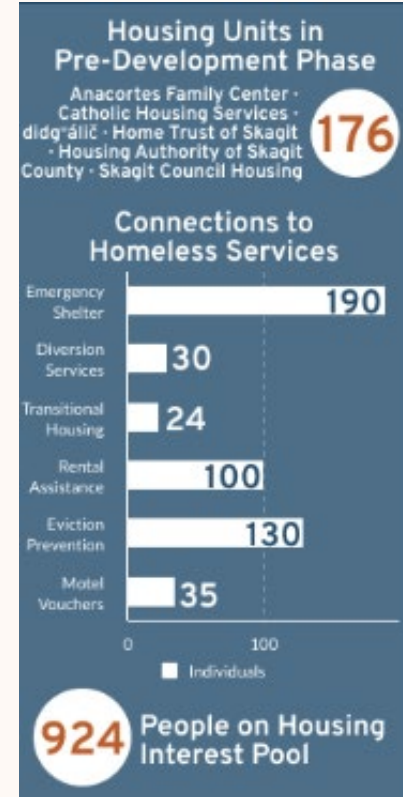
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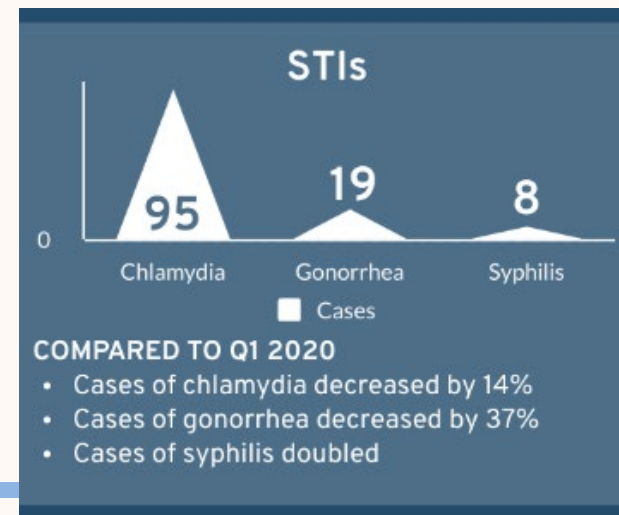
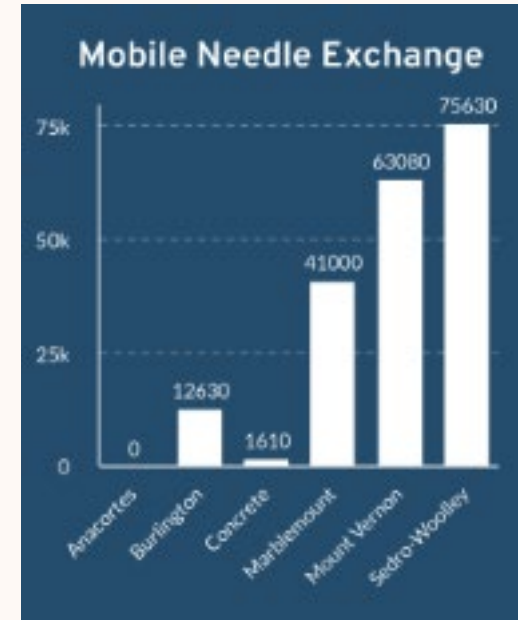
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Population Health Trust Data Carousel

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Nurse Family Partnership

Family visits

220

Families served

51

New clients

6

Clients graduated

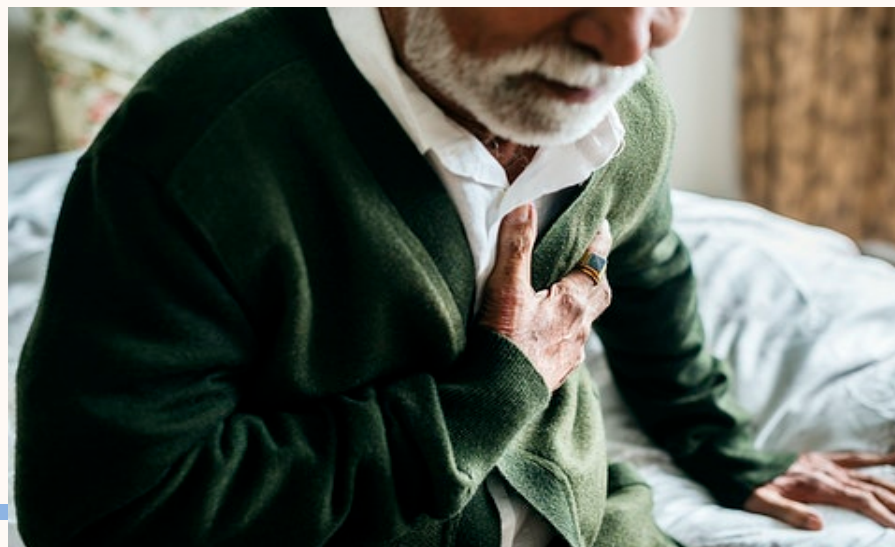
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Senior Services

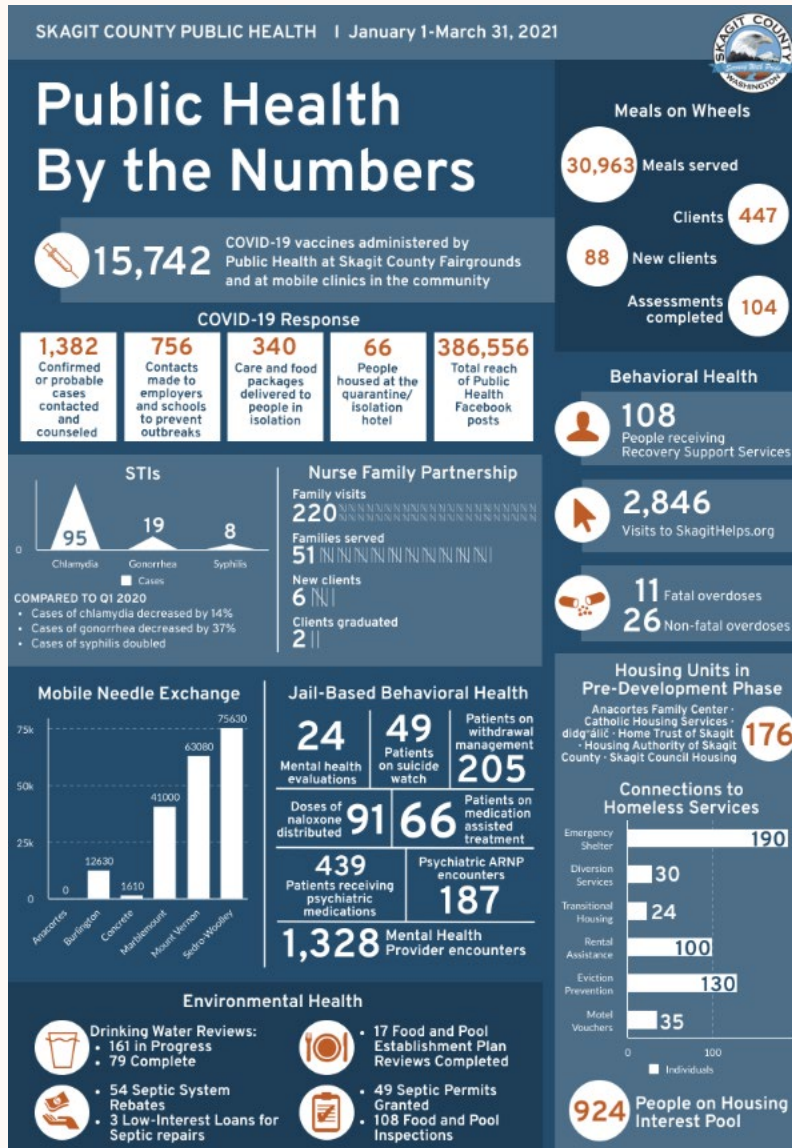
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American Rescue Plan Act



Public Health by the Numbers



Data Dashboard

Data represents work completed during the **first quarter** of 2021.

For more information, visit our website at:

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Discussion

- What aspects of the public health work plan are your highest priorities for the coming year?
- Improving health equity is an overarching goal. What strategies are most likely to make significant impact in achieving health equity?
- What ideas do you have for the Board of Health or the Population Health to support Public Health with these strategic directions?

