

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY  
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 23**

**REQUESTING GOVERNOR INSLEE AUTHORIZE A PHASED REOPENING OF  
BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS**

**WHEREAS**, because of Governor Inslee's response at the State level, social distancing, safety guidelines, and guidance from Northeast Tri-County Health District (NETCHD) and Newport Hospital & Health Services (NHHS), Pend Oreille County (POC) has had only two (2) unrelated cases of COVID-19, with no evidence of community spread, and

**WHEREAS**, POC officials started very early with safety precautions for the public and our employees by installing sneeze guards in every office, hand sanitizer stations at the entrances of each building, and offering our employees ten (10) extra paid leave days to use during the month of April, and restricted our buildings to the public effective March 23, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, POC officials are monitoring what effects this "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order will have on our County revenues with a shortage on sales tax, motor vehicle use tax, and property taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, some POC local businesses are facing bankruptcy or inability to remain in business, with some considering reopening in spite of the current "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, and

**WHEREAS**, POC is a border county, with Idaho opening across the street from Newport,

**WHEREAS**, without easing of restrictions, there is the possibility of civil unrest and social disobedience, and

**WHEREAS**, we have formulated a "Reopening Pend Oreille County" plan with guidance from NHHS Administration, and the NETCHD Administrator and Health Officer, which is attached hereto as Appendix A, and

**WHEREAS**, NHHS and the Spokane Hospital System have surge capacity; NHHS has adequate PPE and staffing, a surge plan in place, and the previously closed nursing home facility has been converted to an acute care unit to care for COVID-19 related hospitalization; The long-term facility has a strengthened and effective strategy; and the POC Emergency Operations Center has effectively coordinated resources including PPE, and

**WHEREAS**, there is capacity within the public health system to conduct case and contact investigations, and

**WHEREAS**, guidelines from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries titled “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention: General Requirements and Prevention Ideas for Workplaces” have been established as safety guidelines to local businesses, and

**WHEREAS**, the whole of Pend Oreille County qualifies as a Historically Under-utilized Business Zone (HUBZone), with 15% poverty according to American Community Survey, with continued business closures and job losses currently adding to these poverty statistics, and

**WHEREAS**, having our local businesses closed it increases the likelihood that residents travel outside of our area to shop and that by opening local businesses we protect our local community as we “Shop Local, Play Local, Stay Safe.”

**WHEREAS**, not all counties have been affected in the same way, therefore, we request opening those counties that are ready to open on a county-by-county basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners, we are requesting the Honorable Governor Inslee authorize the phased reopening of Pend Oreille County businesses, as provided by the proposed “Reopening of Pend Oreille County” plan, effective May 5, 2020.

**ADOPTED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

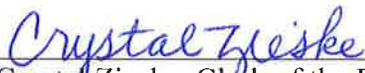
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PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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# Reopening Pend Oreille County

4/30/2020



Proposal By Pend Oreille County Commissioners

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# Preamble

Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners will be consulting with Northeast Tri County Health District's health officer and Newport Hospital and Health Services, for possible modifications of our plan, including dates, as applicable.

"Reopening Pend Oreille County" recognizes the guidance expressed in Governor Inslee's Policy Brief, "Safe Return to Public Life in Washington State." The Board of County Commissioners appreciate the opportunity to collaborate and provide input to the state ensuring our safe return to public life will occur in measured steps. This plan is guided by science and is informed by our public health needs enabling our ability to mitigate any impacts that arise with future possible occurrences of COVID-19. The collaboration and unity in our community to will allow us to respond locally and protect our health and economy.

## 1 - Protect the Health and Safety of the Citizens of Pend Oreille County

Guided by data and science, Pend Oreille County will continue to suppress the virus, protect our most vulnerable and treat those who are infected. We have testing locations set up and activated, and a procurement system for test kits is in place with Newport Hospital and Health Services. We have capacity for contact identification and investigation with Northeast Tri-County Health District. Pend Oreille County Counseling Services is prepared to support our community with behavioral health. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee, Emergency Operations Center, Sheriff's Department and all Emergency Management Services collaborate well with our state and federal partners.

## 2 - Safe Start and Transition to Economic Recovery

A healthy workforce is needed for a healthy economy. We are taking measured steps to get people back to doing what they do best in a way that protects the health of the individual and the community.

## 3 - Support All People and Communities

Pend Oreille County wants to help our whole community recover. We support recovery efforts to enhance people's physical, emotional, and financial well-being, with particular attention to those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Our county includes people who are struggling with homelessness, a Native American Tribe, small business owners struggling to stay afloat, individuals with disabilities, as well as those experiencing unemployment, poverty, and food insecurity.

**Pend Oreille County adopts the following Gating Criteria as a preface to the proposed reopening of our County in a three phased approach.**

**Proposed County Gating Criteria** *(Satisfy Before Proceeding to Each Phased Comeback)*

**SYMPTOMS**

Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period

**AND**

Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period

**CASES**

Downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period

**OR**

Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)

**HOSPITALS**

Treat all patients without crisis care

**AND**

Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing

**Pend Oreille County commits to the following Core Preparedness Responsibilities:**

**TESTING & CONTACT INVESTIGATION**

- ✓ Ability to quickly set up safe and efficient screening and testing sites for symptomatic individuals and investigate contacts of COVID+ results
- ✓ Ability to test Syndromic/ILI-indicated persons for COVID and investigate contacts of COVID+ results
- ✓ Ensure surveillance sites are screening for asymptomatic cases and contacts for COVID+ results are investigated (sites operate at locations that serve older individuals, lower-income Americans, racial minorities, and Native Americans)

**HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CAPACITY**

- ✓ Ability to quickly and independently supply sufficient Personal Protective Equipment and critical medical equipment to handle dramatic surge in need
- ✓ Ability to surge ICU capacity

**PLANS**

- ✓ Protect the health and safety of workers in critical industries
- ✓ Protect the health and safety of those living and working in high-risk facilities (e.g., senior care facilities)
- ✓ Advise citizens regarding protocols for social distancing and face coverings
- ✓ Monitor conditions and immediately take steps to limit and mitigate any rebounds or outbreaks by restarting a phase or returning to an earlier phase, depending on severity

**Pend Oreille County commits to the following Phased Approach to reopening:**

- **BASED ON UP-TO-DATE DATA AND READINESS**
- **MITIGATES RISK OF RESURGENCE**
- **PROTECTS THE MOST VULNERABLE**
- **IMPLEMENTABLE AT GOVERNORS' DISCRETION**

**Pend Oreille County commits to the following Guidelines for all Phases of Reopening:**

**GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHASES**

## Individuals

Continue to adhere to State and local guidance as well as complementary CDC guidance, particularly with respect to face coverings.

**GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHASES**

## Employers

**CONTINUE TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE**

- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- ✓ Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- ✓ Strongly consider using face coverings while in public, and particularly when using mass transit.

**PEOPLE WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME**

- ✓ Do not go to work or school.
- ✓ Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.

**Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations and guidance, and informed by industry best practices, regarding:**

- ✓ Social distancing and protective equipment
- ✓ Temperature checks
- ✓ Sanitation
- ✓ Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas
- ✓ Business travel

**Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.**

**Develop and implement policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing following employee COVID+ test.**

## **Reopening Pend Oreille County**

Projections are that COVID-19 will decline but remain active until the first week of June 2020.

However, Pend Oreille and surrounding Counties are not hotspots and could immediately begin reopening various activities and businesses provided:

Allowances are made for social distancing, masks, hand washing, sneeze screens, cleaning of surfaces with disinfectants. Like protocols developed by grocery stores.

Systems are in place to provide for isolation and contact tracing of infected persons.

Self-imposed 14-day quarantines for infected or exposed persons

Availability of rapid testing to determine both active and past cases of the COVID-19 virus

### **Between Present and May 15, 2020 employ Phase I guidelines for Individuals, Employers, and Businesses:**

#### Phase I Individuals

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 10 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

Avoid **SOCIALIZING** in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (e.g., receptions, trade shows)

**MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

#### Phase I Employers

Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK**, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

If possible, **RETURN TO WORK IN PHASES.**

Close **COMMON AREAS** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce strict social distancing protocols.

Minimize **NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.

Strongly consider **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION**.

## Phase I Specific Types of Businesses

**SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (e.g., daycare, camp) that are currently closed should remain closed.

**VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing and cleaning protocols.

**ELECTIVE SURGERIES** can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

**GYMS** can open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

**BARS** should remain closed.

## **Between May 16, 2020 and June 6, 2020 employ Phase II guidelines for Individuals, Employers, and Businesses:**

### Phase II (Individuals)

**ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

All individuals, **WHEN IN PUBLIC** (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where

- appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed.

**NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL** can resume.

## Phase II Employers

Continue to **ENCOURAGE TELEWORK**, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.

Close **COMMON AREAS** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact, or enforce moderate social distancing protocols.

Strongly consider **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** for personnel who are members of a **VULNERABLE POPULATION**.

## Phase II Specific Businesses

**SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (e.g., daycare, camp) can reopen.

**VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.

**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols.

**ELECTIVE SURGERIES** can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient and in-patient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines.

**GYMS** can remain open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

**BARS** may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy, where applicable and appropriate.

## **AFTER June 6, 2020 employ Phase III guidelines for Individuals, Employers, and Businesses:**

### Phase III Individuals

**VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS** can resume public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.

**LOW-RISK POPULATIONS** should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.

### Phase III Employers

Resume **UNRESTRICTED STAFFING** of worksites.

### Phase III Specific Employers

**VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS** can resume. Those who interact with residents and patients must be diligent regarding hygiene.

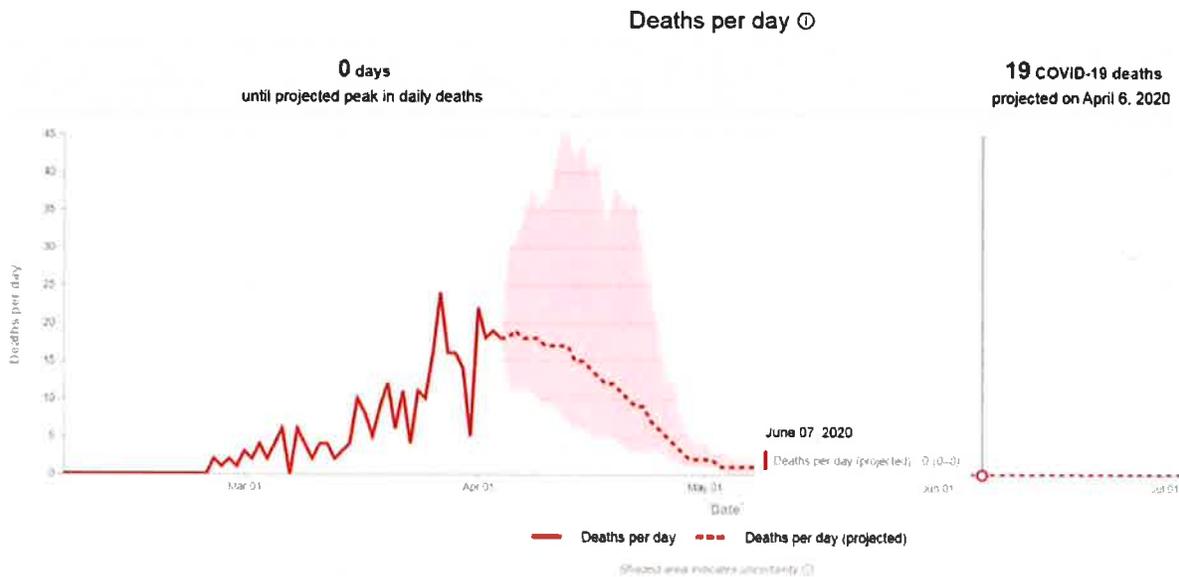
**LARGE VENUES** (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

**GYMS** can remain open if they adhere to standard sanitation protocols.

**BARS** may operate with increased standing room occupancy, where applicable.

### Vulnerable Individuals

1. Elderly individuals.
2. Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.



This chart from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington

SEATTLE -- New data from a health research center at the University of Washington state that [COVID-19](#) deaths in Washington state peaked on April 6 and will continue going down for the foreseeable future. This study predicts the last COVID-19 death will occur on June-7-2020.

According to the [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation \(IHME\)](#), Washington state's peak on health care resources peaked on April 2. Their model suggests that Washington state will not have a shortage of ICU beds or hospital beds.

# COVID-19

## Cases in the U.S.

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Last updated on April 28, 2020

TOTAL CASES

981,246

23,459 New Cases\*

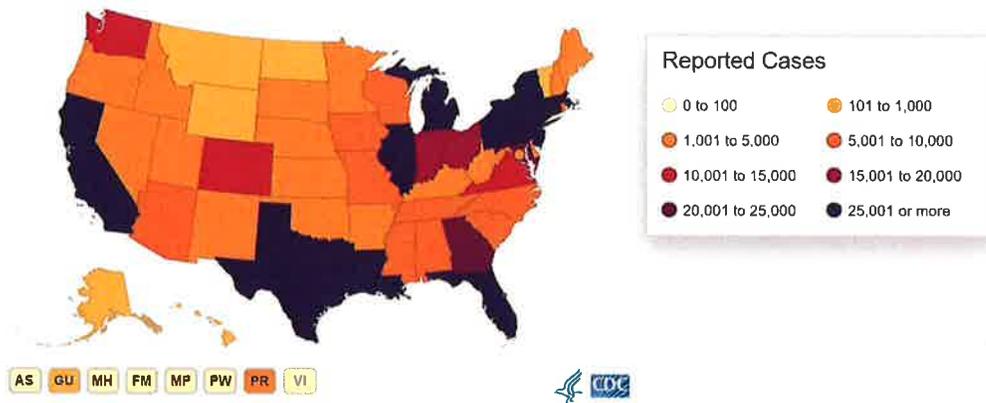
TOTAL DEATHS

55,258

1,337 New Deaths\*

This map shows COVID-19 cases and deaths reported by U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and other U.S.-affiliated jurisdictions. Each [jurisdiction's health department](#) reports how much the virus has spread in their community.

18 states report more than 10,000 cases of COVID-19.



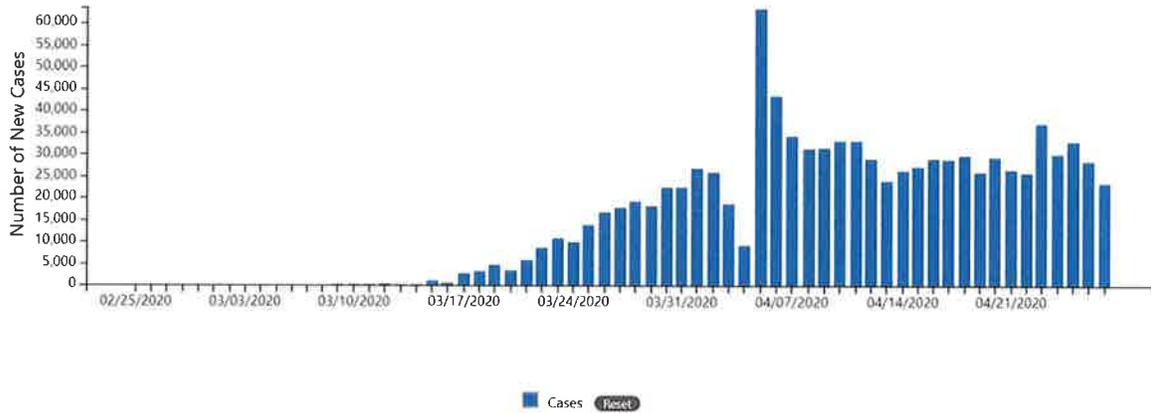
Jurisdictions

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## New Cases by Day

The following chart shows the number of new cases of COVID-19 reported by day in the U.S. since the beginning of the outbreak.

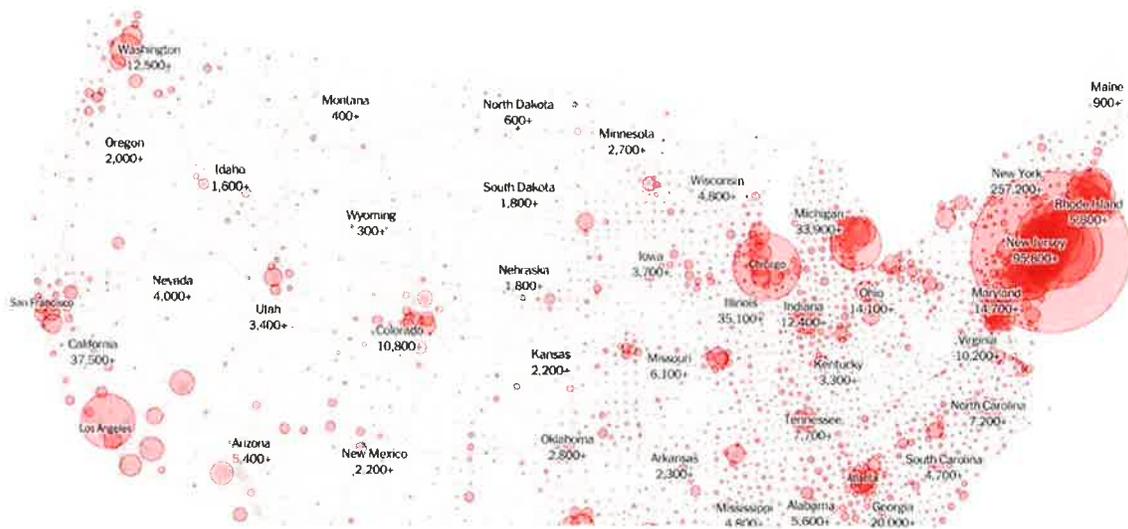


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### Confirmed cases in the United States

Total cases      Deaths      Per capita

100 cases ○      10,000 cases ○

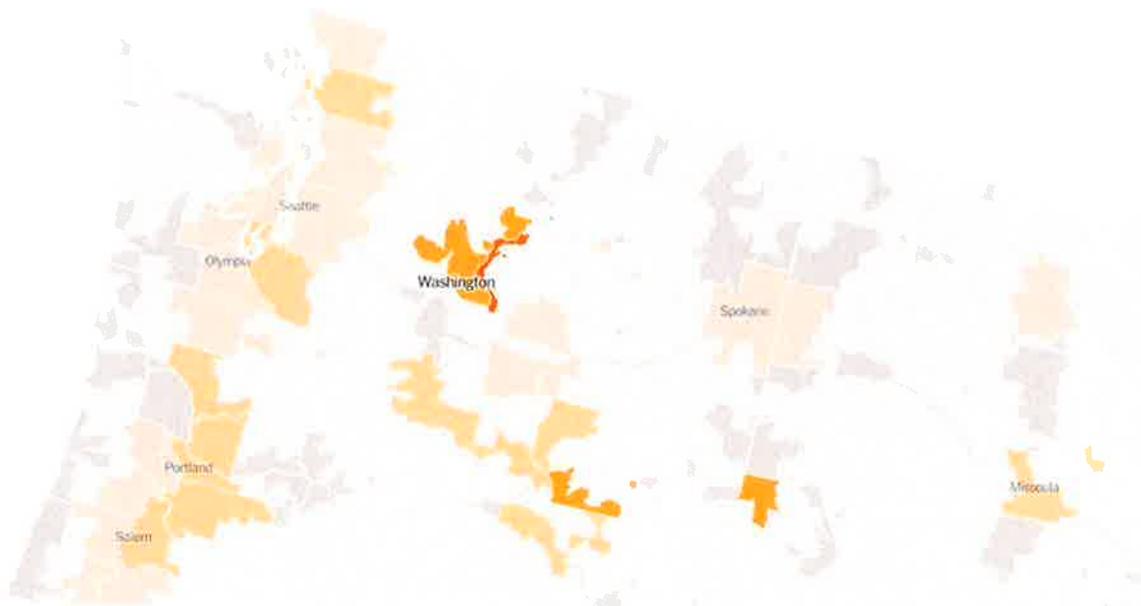
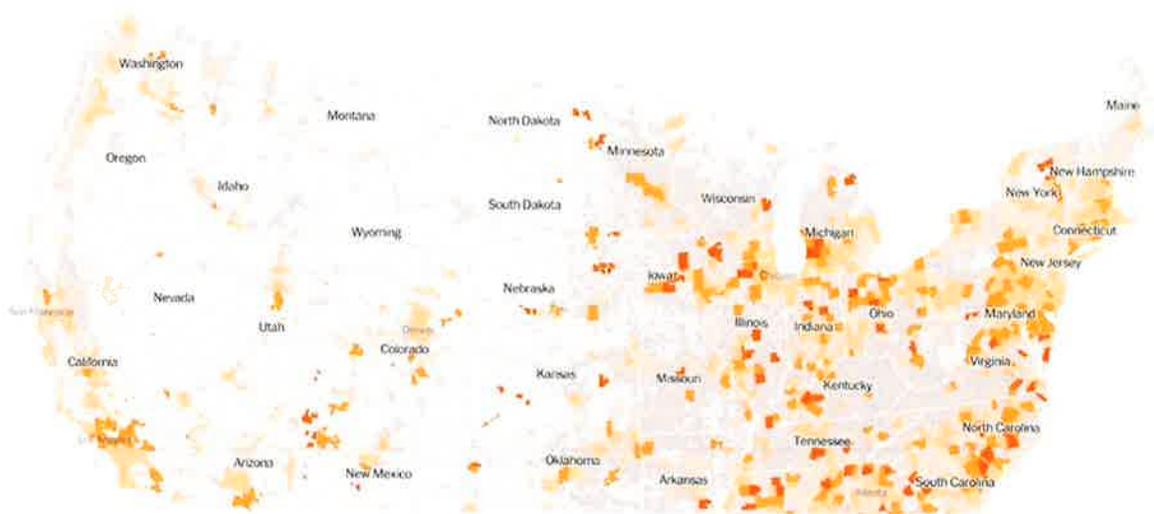


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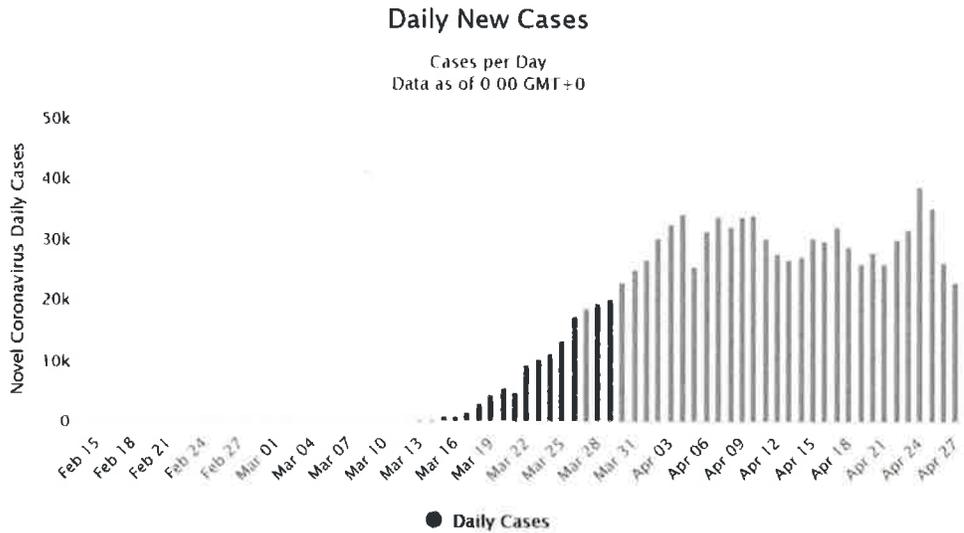
## Where cases are rising fastest

Cases currently doubling every ...

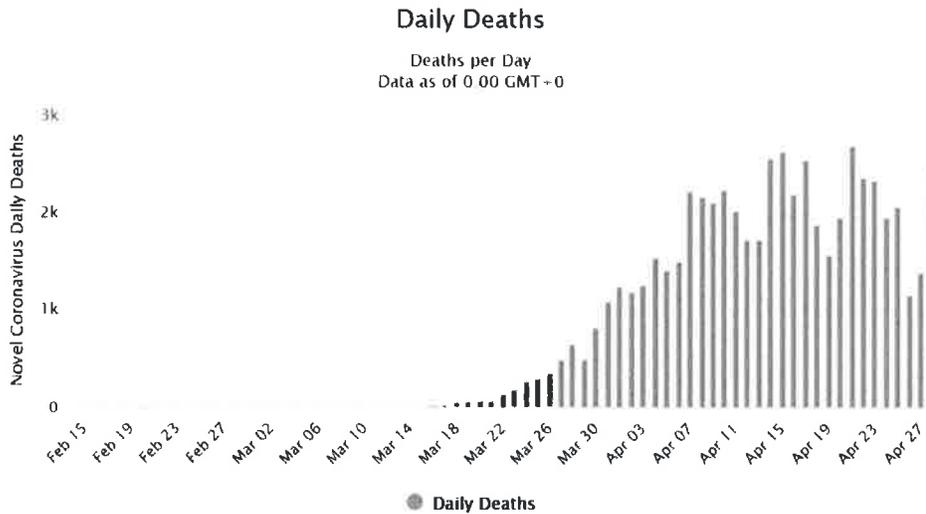


# Number of new cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the **United States** from January 22 to April 29, 2020, by day

## Daily New Cases in the United States



## Daily New Deaths in the United States



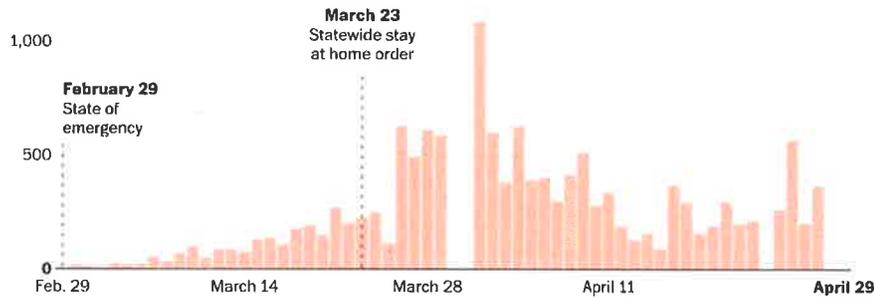
# COVID-19 Cases in Washington State

Deaths **Cases**

## New reported cases per day in Washington

A total of 13,842 have been reported since Feb. 29.

Show by **Washington**



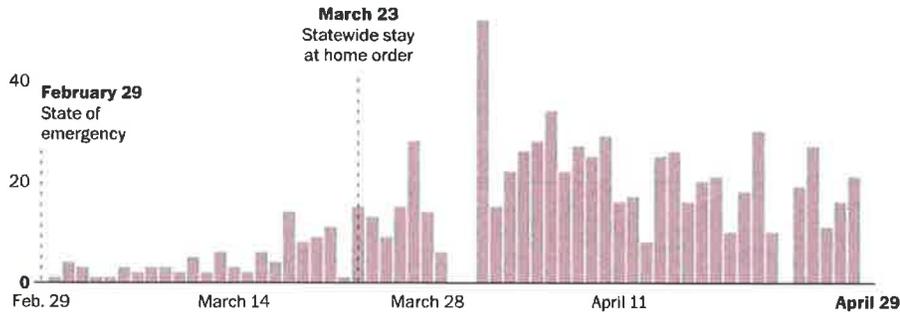
[Read more about coronavirus orders in Washington](#) →

**Deaths** Cases

## New deaths reported per day in Washington

A total of 786 have been reported since Feb. 29.

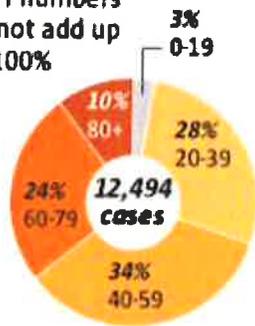
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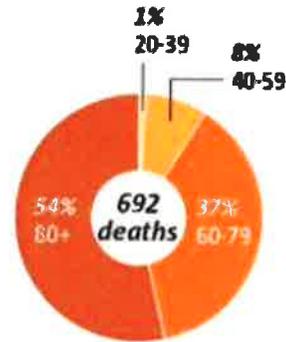
Source: Washington State Department of Health

**CASES BY AGE:**

DOH numbers do not add up to 100%



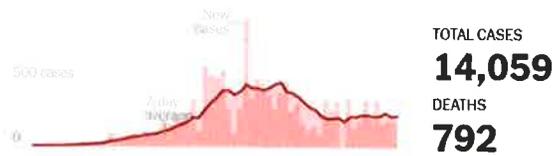
**DEATHS BY AGE:**



Sources: Washington State Department of Health, Johns Hopkins University CSSE  
**THE SEATTLE TIMES**

# Washington Coronavirus Map and Case Count

By The New York Times Updated April 29, 2020, 8:56 A.M. E.T.



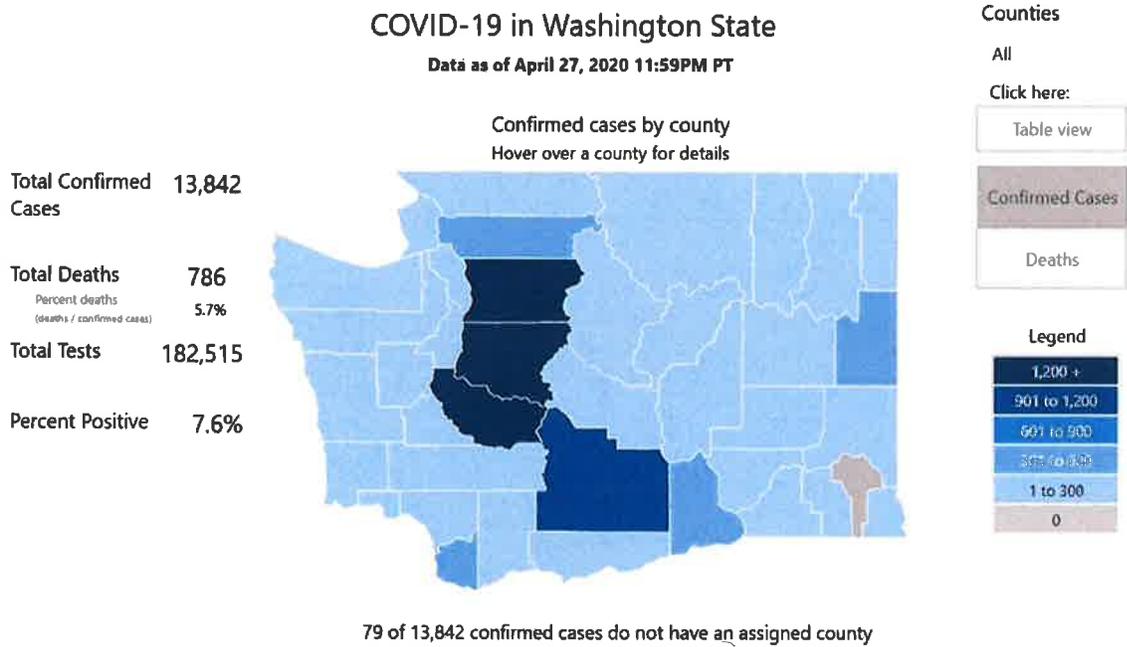
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U.S. Washington Coronavirus Map and Case Count



**Washington State COVID-19 Cases versus Pend Oreille County**

COVID-19 is spreading throughout all of Washington State. Confirmed cases are people who have had a positive molecular test for COVID-19.



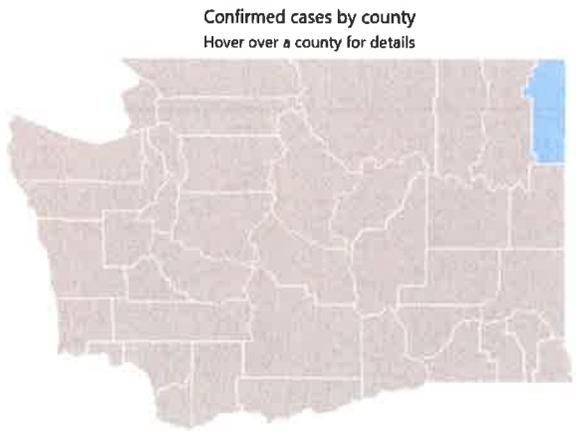
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### COVID-19 in Washington State

Data as of April 27, 2020 11:59PM PT

<b>Total Confirmed Cases</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>0</b>
<small>Percent deaths (deaths / confirmed cases)</small>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Tests</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>Percent Positive</b>	<b>1.0%</b>



#### Counties

Pend Oreille Cou. ▾

Click here:

Table view

Confirmed Cases

Deaths

#### Legend



79 of 13,842 confirmed cases do not have an assigned county

Links to local health jurisdiction websites are located on the local health jurisdiction map ([click here](#)).

COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more.

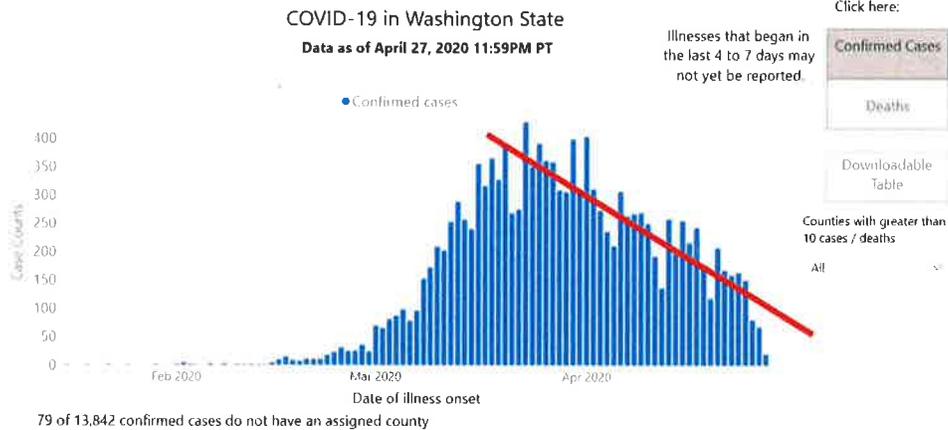
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Click here  [Current Status](#) **[Epidemiologic Curves](#)** [Cumulative Case and Death Counts](#) [Demographics](#) [Testing](#) [Hospitalization](#)

This chart shows the progression of the COVID-19 outbreak in Washington by cases and deaths over time and is known as an epidemiologic curve. The epidemiologic curve is the curve referred to in the phrase, "flatten the curve." Cases and deaths are shown by the date of illness onset, which is the date when the person began to feel sick. Onset date is an important measure in determining the 'incubation period,' or the time it takes between when a person is exposed and when the person began feeling sick. Washington has taken measures like "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" in order to spread out the onset of disease over time, or "flatten the curve." This has already helped our healthcare system not become overburdened, so that it is able to continue to provide care to those who need it. While it is important to recognize there are many people in Washington who have had or have COVID-19 who do not show signs or symptoms of being sick, or are not so sick that they seek medical care or a test, the shape of the curve is still informative. A downloadable table, including a data dictionary, is available when you click on 'Downloadable Table.'



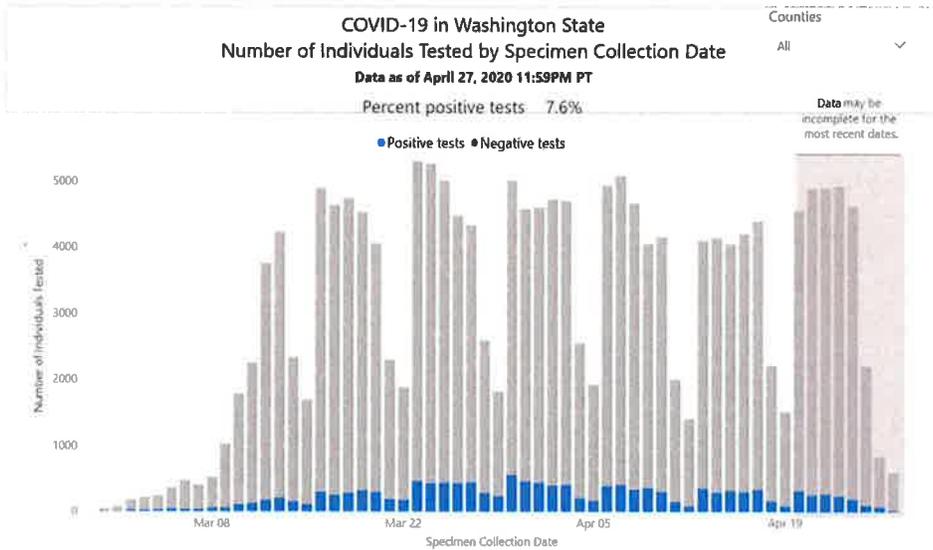
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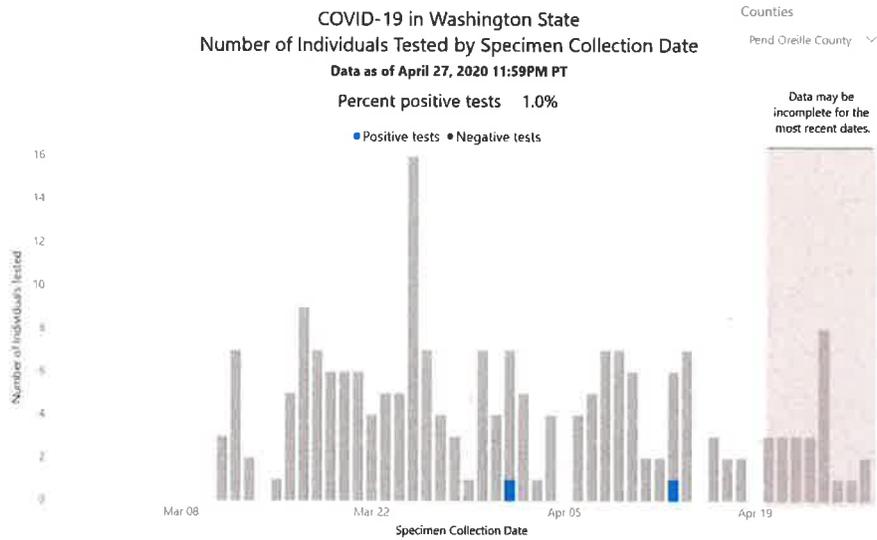
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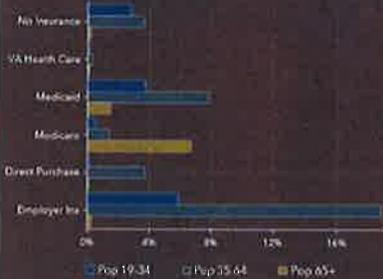


# COVID-19 STATUS REPORT

Pend Oreille, Washington

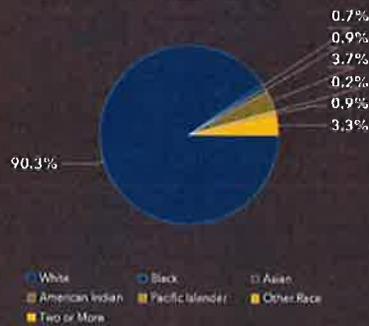
## HEALTH FACTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### HEALTH INSURANCE



## POPULATION

### RACE AND ETHNICITY



## POLICIES AND CASES

### COUNTY CASE DATA



Comparative Statistics to State of Washington			
Total Confirmed	Deaths	Fatality Rate	Tested
13,686	764	5.58%	175,477

Emergency Type	Date	Details
Govt Ordered Community Quarantine	3/24/2020 4:16:50 AM	Government statewide Public Schools shutdown



20

Staffed Beds



74

Licensed Beds



4

ICU Beds



15.0%

Poverty Percentage



13,602

Total Population



3,331

Population Age 65+



2

Confirmed Cases



0

Total Deaths



0.00%

Fatality Rate



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Disability Healthcare, and Census, Johns Hopkins University

For more information about this infographic, please visit the U.S. Map, L&D page  
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**Conclusion:**

Pend Oreille County citizens have complied and continue to comply with all the Governor's Proclamations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Our compliance has yielded very good results for our County. We have had only two cases, both recovered.

Based on the data and plan herein presented, the Pend Oreille County Commissioners request authorization to reopen Pend Oreille County. We have broad support to move forward with this plan in our local communities and businesses.