## COVID-19 update

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# Washington State Department of Health data dashboard



as of April 21

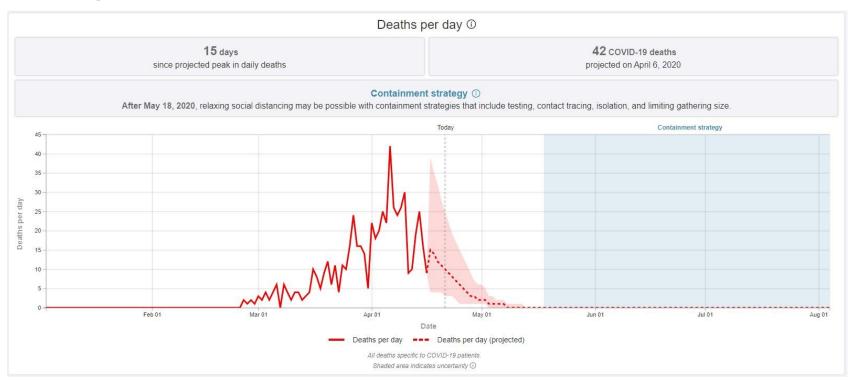
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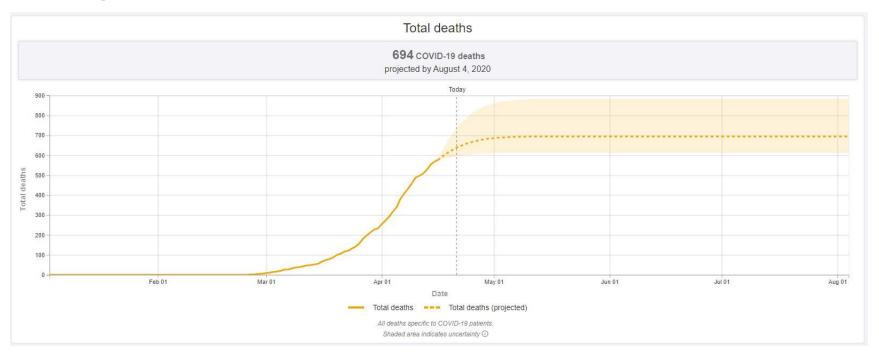
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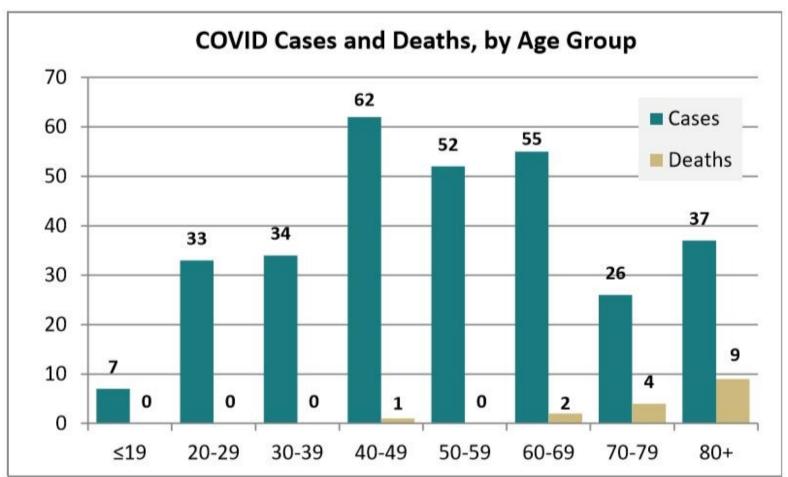




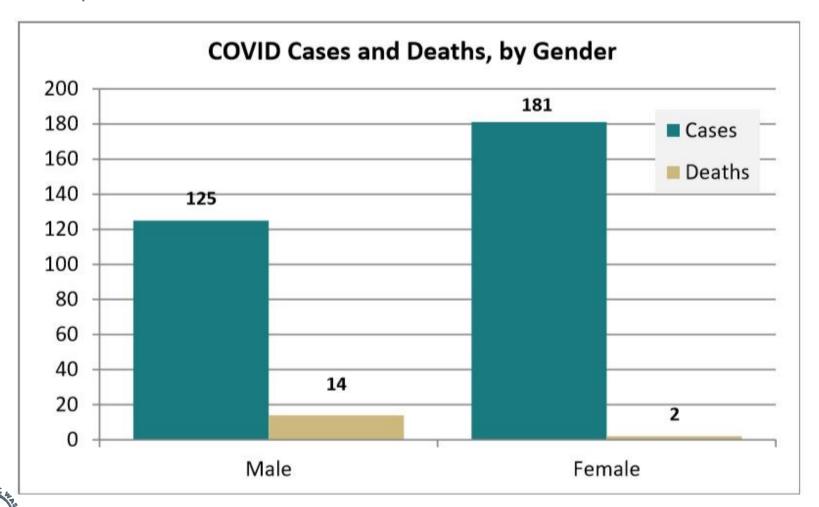
Number positive tests	306
Number of deaths	16
Number of people tested*	2,957

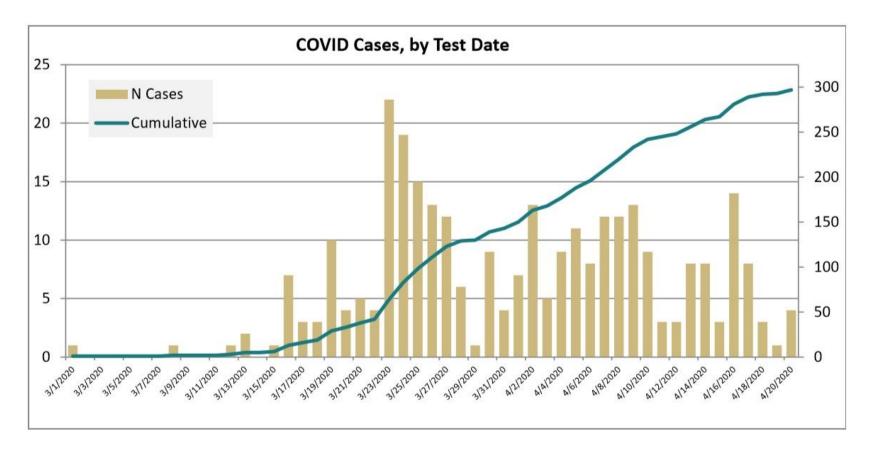
<sup>\*</sup>DOH data as of April 19. Does not include rapid testing.





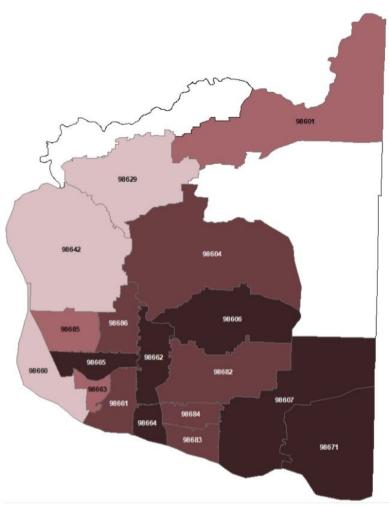






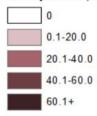


as of April 17



#### Clark County COVID-19 Cases

#### Rate per 100,000 Population





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#### Long term care facility outbreaks

Facility type	Cases
Adult family home	10
Assisted/independent living	28
Skilled nursing	12



as of April 20

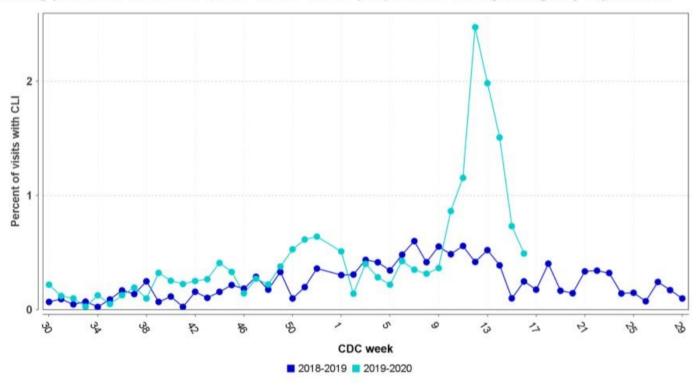
#### Hospitalizations

Facility	Total COVID-19 cases hospitalized	COVID-19 hospitalized in ICU	Empty ICU beds
Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center	7	0	6
PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center	14	5	24



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#### Weekly percent of visits with \*COVID-19-like Illness (CLI) at Clark County emergency departments



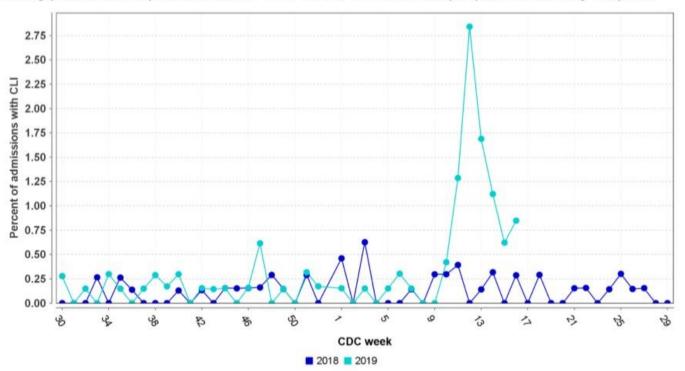
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Note: We are currently in CDC week 17. Week 30 is approximately the end of July each year.



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#### Weekly percent of hospital admissions with \*COVID-19-like Illness (CLI) at Clark County hospitals



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#### Hospital PPE

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#### **PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center**

Red for testing supplies and PAPR hoods

#### **Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center**

- Critically low on duckbill N95 masks and PAPR face shields
- Low on oxivir wipes, PAPR helmets, and GlideScope Blades and disposable covers.

Staffing, beds and other supplies are green for local hospitals



#### **Current activities**

- Case contact and investigation continues
  - Contacting all confirmed cases
  - Investigations for cases who are health care workers, long-term care residents/staff, linked to the jail
- Begin planning for increased case investigation and contact tracing when Stay Home order is modified
- Coordinate testing of all residents, staff at long-term care facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases
- Working with the Department of Community Services, community housing partners and health care partners to identify unhoused persons with COVID-19 and to provide isolation housing for them and quarantine housing for their close contacts
- Continue case updates on website Monday-Friday

### Physical Distancing Interventions

- Working with Department of Health and other local health departments to develop epidemiologic metrics for modifying current restrictions, including:
  - Percent of tests positive
  - COVID-like illness ED visits and hospitalizations
  - Hospital resource availability (beds and ICU beds)
  - Modeling results/Reproductive number
- Also identifying needs for doing increased case investigation, contact tracing and active monitoring, such as:
  - Adequate testing
  - Personal protective equipment
  - Workforce staff and support that can do/ensure robust case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and active monitoring



### Serology

- The antibody response in infected patients remains largely unknown, and the clinical values of antibody testing have not been fully demonstrated
- COVID-19 serologic tests are in early stage of development and are not validated and therefore unreliable
  - High rate of false positives difficulty distinguishing between SARS-CoV-2 and common cold coronavirus antibodies
    - In populations with low prevalence, false positives can outnumber false negatives
  - While detection of antibody might confer some degree of protection, we have no direct evidence of this for SARS-CoV-2
  - Need to understand relationship between specific antibody responses and levels with immunity before using results to determine reduced risk.
    - Should not be used to make decisions about return to work or need for personal protective equipment until more evidence about immunity is available.
  - False negative risks if performed early in disease course, especially in mild disease



### Serology

- Antibody tests may be better suited for public health surveillance and vaccine development than for diagnosis.
- Serologic results, when reliable and validated, can indicate whether someone has been exposed to an antigen at some point in the past.
  - Cannot indicate whether someone is currently infected or if someone is contagious.
- Potential uses for serology:
  - Detection of PCR (antigen) -negative cases
  - Identification plasma donors
    - Caveat: concerns about potentiation of cytokine release syndrome (CRS) by a vaccine or hyper-immune plasma administration. This immune enhancement is seen for some flaviviruses such as dengue.
  - Studies of disease prevalence in community
  - Verification of vaccine response (once we understand the relationship between antibody responses and immunity)



# Thank you!