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Incident Information		
Incident Number: 20-0265 2020 Novel CoV / 2020 Fires	SitRep Version: Update	SitRep #165
Incident Type: Pandemic/ Wildfire	SitRep Period: 10/14/20 0800 to 10/14/20 1600	
SEOC Activation Level: Level 1 – Full	Disaster Manager: Adam Wasserman	
Activated Emergency Centers: See pages 3 and 6	Activated Emergency Support Functions (ESF): 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 20	
SEOC Supervisor: Chris Utzinger	Date/Time SEOC Supervisor Approved: 10/14/20 1600	
General Situation		
<p>The Washington State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) continues to respond to the global outbreak of COVID-19.</p> <p>Fully activated since January 22, 2020, the SEOC has been coordinating the acquisition and delivery of personal protective equipment (PPE), the use of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), intelligence and advanced planning, and logistical support to stakeholders.</p> <p>This situation report includes SEOC and state agency activities related to the continued COVID-19 response, the Governor’s Safe Start reopening plan, and current wildland fires response.</p>		
Today’s Highlights		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case counts in western Washington are increasing across all age groups and over broad geographic areas. This suggests increases are due to broad community spread, not driven by a single type of activity or setting. Though all age groups are seeing increases, the rising trends among older people are particularly concerning because these groups tend to experience more severe illness. See additional information here. • ESD released the preliminary job estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of its Monthly Employment Report. ESD paid unemployment insurance benefits to 553,287 people in September, an increase of 47,719 over the previous month. • International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October (this year: October 15). While <u>COVID-19</u> has brought many uncertainties and challenges, one thing's for sure: ShakeOut is still happening this year! Read more here. 		
Current Risks (Intelligence Section)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misinformation about the positive impacts of mask wearing, and misinformation about negative health effects of mask wearing could be exacerbated further with the scientific debate on infectious transmission of COVID 19. • A possible seasonal influenza epidemic in the fall may lead to additional challenges including disruption of the health and social care systems and a large resurgence of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and Covid-like Illness (CLI) with local or regional epidemics. A generalized increase in respiratory infections over the winter could also rapidly overwhelm test and trace capacity. 		

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- Following the suspension of routine clinical care and general fear from the public around healthcare systems during the pandemic, there will likely be an increase in the number of poorly-managed chronic conditions or undiagnosed diseases combined with a surge in post-COVID-19 morbidity resulting in overall and long term health consequences. This risk is being confirmed in several states that are reporting patients in hospital longer and with more serious illness due to poorly managed chronic health conditions. (The Gazette, 9/23/20).

SEOC Objectives

Strategic Objectives in Priority Order

1. Ensure the safety of our healthcare and other critical infrastructure workforce.
- 2b. Continue to implement and maintain a public health and healthcare system response that slows the infection rate of COVID-19 and prevents the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed with special considerations for the most vulnerable populations (over 65, living in congregate settings, underlying chronic health conditions, pregnant, experiencing homelessness, etc.).
- 25b. Support wildfire recovery efforts.
- 3b. Respond to the community and critical infrastructure lifeline impacts (e.g., food, health, communications, etc.).
- 11a. Support the implementation of the Safe Start phased approach to re-opening Washington State.
- 13a. Address Human Service needs, including: childcare, sheltering, mental health, and hunger relief with an emphasis on protecting vulnerable populations and displaced persons.
4. Ensure the development, maintenance, and use of data collection and analysis systems across the response that inform decision making processes and allow for evaluation of intervention efforts.
5. Plan for economic, physical and behavioral health, social and healthcare system recovery.

Operational Objectives

- 22e. Support communities impacted by wildfires, including addressing gaps in mass care, sheltering/transitional housing, communication capability, recovery planning, and debris removal. (SO #1, 3a, 5, 13a, and 25b)
- 6b. Provide personnel, planning capability, equipment and supplies in support of contract tracking, testing, isolation and quarantine efforts; and address medical support needs. (SO #2b)
21. Develop and maintain state operation staging areas to meet the PPE needs of the incident. (SO #2b)
- 8a. Mitigate impacts to food supply, supply chain, and health and safety of agricultural and food processing workers. (SO #3b, 4, 13a, and 24a)
- 10e. Continue developing processes to collect, analyze, and visualize key data elements to support decision making and situational awareness. (SO #4)

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COVID-19 Incident Information

DOH COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Source: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

Data as of 10/12/20 11:59 PM (Data may change from previous days as cases are confirmed, assigned, or removed with further investigation.)

County & Safe Start Status	ECC/EOC	New Cases							Cumulative Totals			
		8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct	Week	Cases	Tests	Deaths
Adams	P	5	2	8	1	1			17	897	4,519	10
Asotin	M	4	1	7	0	2			14	155	2,993	6
Benton	F	14	19	30	4	29			96	4,862	37,440	132
Chelan	P	6	7	6	4	9			32	1,927	19,676	16
Clallam	F	1	1	2	0	0			4	245	9,165	1
Clark	F	38	47	33	14	28			160	3,766	76,110	71
Columbia	P	0	0	0	0	0			0	14	686	1
Cowlitz	P	1	2	5	5	5			18	734	20,072	7
Douglas	P	3	1	5	2	3			14	1,211	8,414	9
Ferry	P	0	0	0	0	0			0	30	1,154	0
Franklin	F	14	9	46	10	22			101	4,554	22,343	67
Garfield	M	0	0	0	0	0			0	13	140	0
Grant	P	20	13	22	18	13			86	3,170	23,511	23
Grays Harbor	F	12	3	23	1	1			40	597	11,665	11
Island	F	1	4	6	3	3			17	342	12,108	12
Jefferson	P	0	2	0	1	1			4	79	3,321	0
King	F	173	101	232	100	138			744	24,297	694,357	788
Kitsap	F	9	8	5	5	7			34	1,367	46,317	17
Kittitas	F	9	11	1	0	26			47	624	5,762	25
Klickitat	P	0	2	0	0	0			2	202	4,851	3
Lewis	P	13	4	7	4	3			31	635	14,436	8
Lincoln	M	0	0	0	0	0			0	63	1,246	1
Mason	P	4	9	5	2	1			21	474	12,342	8
Okanogan	P	1	0	1	0	2			4	1,073	11,537	10
Pacific	P	1	3	11	0	1			16	107	3,054	3
Pend Oreille	P	5	7	3	10	2			27	119	2,280	0
Pierce	F	88	47	98	32	51			316	8,823	172,724	213
San Juan	F	0	0	0	0	1			1	30	4,406	0
Skagit	P	4	3	8	1	1			17	1,169	42,541	22
Skamania	M	0	0	0	0	0			0	65	2,336	1
Snohomish	P	60	59	49	30	88			286	7,601	164,040	218
Spokane	P	101	74	99	62	66			402	8,060	102,840	181
Stevens	F	5	1	5	1	1			13	220	5,738	4
Thurston	P	16	11	19	14	9			69	1,310	49,893	20
Wahkiakum	P	0	0	1	0	0			1	8	911	0
Walla Walla	P	2	1	7	2	2			14	956	21,755	6
Whatcom	P	8	5	20	3	3			39	1,474	70,500	49
Whitman	M	28	26	13	14	12			93	1,548	5,848	1
Yakima	P	17	11	21	17	7			73	11,609	71,875	266
Unassigned		1	0	17	1	6			25	345	359,202	4
Totals		664	494	815	361	544	0	0	2,878	94,775	2,124,108	2,214

County ECC/EOC Activation Levels:

M=Monitoring P=Partial F=Full

Currently Hospitalized: 279

Currently Ventilated: 26

Safe Start Phases:

Phase 1 Mod 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4

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State Resources

WA State Agency COVID-19 Cost Estimates (as of 10/12/20)	Cost
State Agencies (expenditures year-to-date)	\$1,220,148,583
PPE ordered, not yet received	\$45,965,759
Total Estimated Expenditures Reported	\$1,266,114,342

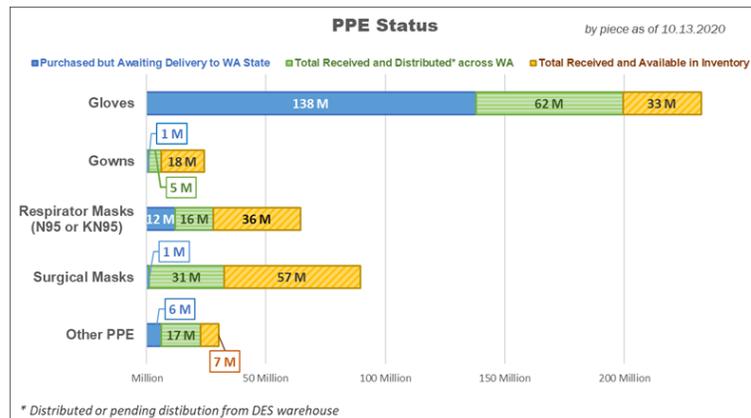
Status of Resource Requests (as of 10/14/20)

The cumulative status of resource requests in Resource Tracker (WebEOC) are as follows:

Incident	Total # of Requests	Unassigned	Assigned	Accepted	In Transit	On Scene	Completed
2020 Wildfires	52	0	4	6	1	3	27
COVID-19	5,768 (+17)	0	88	67	1	121	4,889

Please note, there are several requests whose status not currently summarized in the WebEOC dashboard, which is the source for the above roll-up. They are included in the total count, but not the status breakdown.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Status and Distribution (as of 10/13/20)



Employment Security Division (ESD) Benefits Data Report for 10/3/20

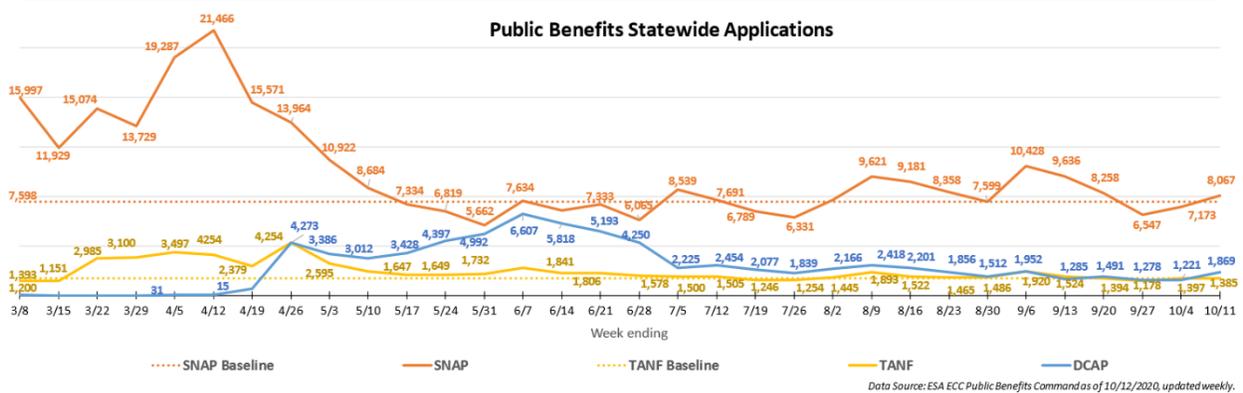
<p>\$11.49 Billion Total paid</p> <p>For payments made since March 8, 2020 – October 3, 2020</p>	\$3,680,173,115 State unemployment insurance
	\$5,774,118,346 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation
	\$1,050,934,862 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
	\$642,295,251 Lost Wages Assistance
	\$278,435,895 Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation
	\$49,084,165 Extended Benefits

FPUC, PUA, PEUC, and EB are federal unemployment programs made available through the federal CARES Act. LWA was federally funded through a temporary emergency measure.

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Dept. of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Public Benefits Report for 10/12/20



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COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard (as of 10/12/20)

Source: [Washington State Coronavirus Response](#)

Washington State Key Metrics	Value	Change	Goal	Meeting Goal
Rate per 100K of newly diagnosed cases over two weeks	91.0	+6.4	<25	No
Average daily COVID-19 testing rate per 100K over a week	193.3	+6.8	--	--
Percent of positive tests over a week	3.5%	0%	<2%	No
Percent of licensed beds occupied by patients	60.2	-2.5%	<80%	Yes
Percent of licensed beds occupied by COVID-19 patients	2.6%	0%	<10%	Yes
Effective Reproductive Number (R_t) (as of 9/25/20) <i>The goal for the R_t is to be <1.</i>	Western WA: 1.4		Eastern WA: 1.1	

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) Projections (as of 10/09/20)

Source: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/washington>

Hospital Resource Use Projections	10/15/20	10/16/20	10/17/20	10/18/20
All Beds Available 4,907; Needed (approx.)	376	379	382	385
ICU Beds Available 341; Needed (approx.)	74	75	75	76
Invasive Ventilators Needed (approx.)	66	67	67	68
Daily Death Current Projections	10/15/20	10/16/20	10/17/20	10/18/20
Current Projection (approx.)	7	7	7	7
Projected Total Deaths by January 31, 2021 (+/- last projection)	Current Projection	Mandates Easing	Universal Masking	
	4,570 (+1,326)	4,920 (+1,531)	3,467 (+796)	

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Tribes and Nations Status					
Tribe/Nation	Proc/Dec Issued	EOC/ECC Status	Tribe/Nation	Proc/Dec Issued	EOC/ECC Status
Conf. Tribes of Chehalis Res.	3/13/20	Monitor	Quinault Indian Nation	3/18/20	Monitor
Conf. Tribes of Colville Res.	3/16/20	Full	Samish Indian Nation	3/12/20	Monitor
Cowlitz Indian Tribe	3/16/20	Monitor	Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe	3/20/20	Monitor
Hoh Indian Tribe	3/5/20	Monitor	Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	3/18/20	Monitor
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	3/18/20	Partial	Skokomish Indian Tribe	3/13/20	Monitor
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe	3/13/20	Monitor	Snoqualmie Tribe	3/1/20	Monitor
Lummi Nation	3/3/20	Monitor	Spokane Tribe of Indians	3/16/20	Monitor
Makah Tribe	3/13/20	Partial	Squaxin Island Tribe	3/20/20	Full
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	3/18/20	Monitor	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians	3/5/20	Partial
Nisqually Tribe	3/17/20	Monitor	Suquamish Tribe	3/9/20	Full
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	3/9/20	Monitor	Swinhomish Tribe	3/9/20	Partial
Puyallup Tribes	3/18/20	Partial	Tulalip Tribes	3/10/20	Monitor

RESPONSE/RECOVERY ACTIVITIES
Operations Section
<p>ESF 2 Communication, Information and Warning Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on tower and radio maintenance across the state. • Worked on Stensgar Mountain radio and Scoggins Hill radio. • Continuing operations that meet current objectives as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with the National Guard to determine what technology needs are anticipated for their operations and work on agency-wide comms plan in preparation for wildfire recovery and civil responses. Working Communications resource request for Confederated Tribes of the Colville. They are requesting Data, ATT, Verizon and LMR assistance for both the Inchelium and Omak areas. ○ Continue to support state, tribal, and local partners with COVID-19 and wildfire recovery related technology communications requests. Work with tribal and local partners to augment communications systems in underserved areas. Recover equipment on loan to various partners. Phase two is currently underway to run permanent fiber to the tribal administration area. Temporary satellite service has been put in place while phase two is underway. ○ Continue to support ongoing DOH contact tracing efforts. MIL/ESF-2 has provided a total of 750 phones and 750 tablet devices and 750 O365 accounts to support contact tracing operations and support will be ongoing for the duration of the operation. ○ Maintain situational awareness of emergent issues in the ESF-2 community as it relates to COVID-19 and Wildfire responses. Updating GIS ESF-2 Wildfire SA application as it relates to threatened communications infrastructure and sharing SA to affected entities.
<p>ESF 6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing and Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on re-formatting cloth face covering dashboard. • Monitored Resource Requests.
<p>ESF 8 Public Health, Medical and Mortuary Services (Operating remotely)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Med/Surge Team is deployed in different locations statewide as needed. Currently they are assisting with numerous counties. • Continued to monitor Resource Tracker closely and ensure missions are being completed.

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- Continued to work with Chelan/Douglas Health District to restore sustainable operations.

ESF 10 Hazardous Materials (Operating remotely)

- Ecology has finalized contracting for Malden and Pine City debris asbestos assessment and is completing communication and outreach tools.
- The Ecology hazmat team has been in contact with Douglas and Okanogan Counties and the Colville Tribe offering hazmat assessment and removal assistance and is on standby waiting for assignments.
- All remaining bulked wastes have been removed from Malden and Pine City for disposal.

ESF 11 Agriculture and Natural Resources (Operating remotely)

- Discussions continue to be held between Governor's Food Security Coordination Team, EMD, AmeriCorps, ESD, workforce development partners, and WA Dept. of Commerce, and WSDA around advanced planning for hunger relief network staffing after 12/31/2020. A follow-up coordination call between stakeholders is scheduled for 10/15/2020.
- Hay resource needs continue to be coordinated through ESF-11, SEOC Tribal Liaison, and their partners for Okanogan County and Colville Tribes. Donated hay is being transported both from Carnation, WA and Franklin County Cattlemen's Association. The State EOC Tribal Liaison indicated on the 10/7/2020 multi-jurisdictional coordination call that a Bureau of Indian Affairs contact had been identified to work directly with the Colville Tribes on any remaining resource needs.
- WSDA Animal Services continues outreach to statewide NGO partners to determine if a dry/wet pet food resource request for Mason County can be met. Confirmed contributions are pending as of 10/12/2020 and efforts remain on-going.
- Participated in the EMD Infrastructure Monthly Coordination Call with partnering agencies to share updates specific to on-going monitoring of the COVID-19 response. Monthly discussion highlighted shared information on the vaccination distribution plan for Washington state, including a survey opportunity.
- WSDA finalized survey submissions to support the State Preparedness Report which gauges the state's ability to meet capability targets laid out in the state's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA).

ESF 14 Long-Term Community Recovery

- Co-hosted Housing Recovery Support Function meeting with Commerce to discuss ongoing housing needs and state efforts to address those needs for fire victims
- Met with Washington Recovery Group leadership to discuss agenda and materials for the kick-off meeting scheduled for 10/21.
- Monitoring social media for unmet recovery needs from recent fires.
- Continue supporting local and state recovery planning efforts for both the fires and COVID-19.

ESF 15 External Affairs – Joint Information Center

- Continues to monitor media/social media; sharing key messages from partners and local jurisdictions.
- Contacts for the JIC are 253-512-7491 and JICdirector@mil.wa.gov. Media inquiries can be routed to DOH-PIO@doh.wa.gov.

ESF 20 Defense Support to Civil Authorities

- Continued to support state and local missions.
- Food Bank Support provided 28,598 meals yesterday.

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State Agency COVID-19 Webpages	
<p>Agriculture (WSDA) Link</p> <p>Attorney General (ATG) Link</p> <p>Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) Link</p> <p>Commerce (COM) Link</p> <p>Conservation Commission (SCC) Link</p> <p>Corrections (DOC) Link</p> <p>Ecology (ECY) Link</p> <p>Employment Security (ESD) Link</p> <p>Financial Institutions (DFI) Link</p> <p>Financial Management (OFM) Link</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Link</p> <p>Gambling Commission (WSCG) Link</p> <p>Governor Inslee Link</p> <p>Health (DOH) Link</p> <p>Health Care Authority (HCA) Link</p> <p>Insurance Commissioner (OIC) Link</p>	<p>Labor and Industry (LNI) Link</p> <p>Licensing (DOL) Link</p> <p>Liquor & Cannabis Board (LCB) Link</p> <p>Natural Resources (DNR) Link</p> <p>Parks & Recreation (PARKS) Link</p> <p>Revenue (DOR) Link</p> <p>Social & Health Services (DSHS) Link</p> <p>Superintendent of Public Instruction Link</p> <p>State Patrol (WSP) Link</p> <p>Transportation (WSDOT) Link</p> <p>Treasurer (OST) Link</p> <p>University of Washington (UW) Link</p> <p>Utility & Transportation (UTC) Link</p> <p>Veterans Affairs (DVA) Link</p> <p>Washington State University (WSU) Link</p> <p>WA State Coronavirus Response Link</p>
Government Actions Undertaken	
<p>FEMA Presidential and Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Proclamation Declaring a National Emergency – 3/13/20 • FEMA Major Disaster Declaration for Washington State – 3/22/20 • COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (HHS) – extended on 7/25/20 • Operation Warp Speed (HHS National Vaccine Strategy) • Halt in evictions to prevent further spread of COVID-19 – 9/04/20 	
State of Washington Actions Undertaken	
<p>Travel and Border Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Ferries – Several routes are operating on reduced schedules dependent on Washington State Ferries’ COVID Response Service Plan. Link to details • Amtrak Cascades – Service continues between Seattle and Eugene; still no service north of Seattle. • Seattle-Tacoma International Airport – Regular updates for the traveling public. • US—Canada Border – Border closure extended to 10/21/20 for nonessential travel (Associated Press). • Port of Bellingham is offering short-term emergency transportation service from Point Roberts. 	
<p>Governor’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID19: Behavioral Health Association – Operations and Visitation – 10/8/20 • Wildfires – Truck Drivers Hours – 9/11/20 • Wildfires - Temporary Assistance to Families – 9/10/20 • Washington State Governor’s State of Emergency Proclamation – 2/29/20 <p>To view all proclamations, visit Governor’s Proclamations</p>	
<p>“Safe Start” Expansion Proclamation 20-25.4 – 5/31/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Start Business Guidance can be located here. 	

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County Safe Start Phase Approval Dates

County	Mod 1	Ph 2	Ph 3	Ph 4	County	Mod 1	Ph 2	Ph 3	Ph 4
Adams	-----	5/22			Lewis	-----	5/22	6/19	
Asotin	-----	5/18	6/10		Lincoln	-----	5/08	6/05	
Benton	7/04	10/13			Mason	-----	5/23	6/19	
Chelan	6/10	10/13			Okanogan	-----	6/05		
Clallam	-----	5/28			Pacific	-----	5/23	6/16	
Clark	-----	6/6			Pend Oreille	-----	5/08	6/05	
Columbia	-----	5/08	6/5		Pierce	-----	6/05		
Cowlitz	-----	5/23			San Juan	-----	5/23		
Douglas	6/10	10/13			Skagit	-----	6/05		
Ferry	-----	5/8	6/5		Skamania	-----	5/11	6/11	
Franklin	7/04	10/13			Snohomish	-----	6/05		
Garfield	-----	5/08	6/6		Spokane	-----	5/22		
Grant	-----	5/23			Stevens	-----	5/11	6/5	
Grays Harbor	-----	5/22	6/17		Thurston	-----	5/27	6/24	
Island	-----	5/23	6/19		Wahkiakum	-----	5/11	6/05	
Jefferson	-----	5/23			Walla Walla	-----	5/27		
King	-----	6/19			Whatcom	-----	6/05		
Kitsap	-----	5/28			Whitman	-----	5/15	6/06	
Kittitas	-----	5/27	6/23		Yakima	7/4	10/13		
Klickitat	-----	6/01							

School Reopening Information

- DOH's [K-12 Schools – Fall 2020-2021 Guidance](#) and [Decision Framework](#)
- OSPI's [Reopening Washington Schools 2020 District Planning Guide](#) and [School Nutrition Programs](#)
- Higher Education Institutions' [Campus Reopening Guide](#)
- Washington Education Association [Public School District Reopening Plans Fall 2020](#)

Media Clips (10/14/20)

Institutions of Higher Education

[Brigham Young University-Idaho](#) finds students intentionally being exposed to COVID-19 and exposing others in order to financially profit from selling plasma containing COVID-19 antibodies. Similarly, students at [University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) were identified as intentionally contacting COVID-19 to “get it over with”.

The [White House Coronavirus Task Force](#) said in a recent report that “it is possible” that 15 to 20 percent of all college students in Georgia may have contracted the coronavirus.

About 1,000 of the roughly 3,300 Kutztown [University of Pennsylvania](#) students who began the fall semester living on campus left within a few weeks.

Keeping track of college students who test positive for Covid-19 has [proved difficult for contact tracers](#), straining their ability to help limit the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

[Ohio Wesleyan University](#) has eliminated 18 majors and consolidated other programs to save \$4 million a year.

Just four days before they are scheduled to play Louisiana State University, the No. 10 Florida Gators put football activities on hold due to a coronavirus outbreak. [Florida's football program](#), including players, coaches & personnel, has 19 positive tests over the past few days.

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The University of Missouri-Vanderbilt University football game scheduled for Saturday [in Columbia, Missouri](#), has been postponed to a later date, tentatively Dec. 12, making it the first SEC game to be moved this season because of issues related to COVID-19.

[Florida Atlantic University](#) coach Willie Taggart on Monday confirmed that 18 players and nine football staff members tested positive for COVID-19 last week, leading to the postponement of Saturday's game against Southern Miss.

DOH Quotes / Mentions

[Is it still safe to clink glasses at the table during the COVID-19 pandemic? - Wine Spectator](#) (Dr. Scott Lindquist mentioned/quoted)

Testing / Data / Contact Tracing

[COVID-19 Contact Tracing Workforce Barely 'Inching Up' As Cases Surge](#) (NPR)

[Gates Foundation donating millions to Black colleges to expand coronavirus testing](#) (Seattle Times)

Schools / Childcare

[Richland School Board votes for in-person learning for elementary school students - KEPR](#) ([WIAA issues new guidelines based on case count threshold from governor's office and DOH - Eastern Washington Statesmen Examiner](#)) (DOH mentioned)

[Washington state schools report 37 employee COVID-19 cases](#) (Olympian, Columbian, AP)

[UW weighs 'harsher' response to Greek Row COVID-19 outbreak](#) (Seattle Times)

['A marathon, not a sprint': UW president delivers address on state of university amid pandemic](#) (KNKX)

Vaccine

[Extra safety scrutiny planned as virus vaccine worries grow](#) (KIMA TV)

[Pfizer to begin testing COVID-19 vaccine in kids as young as 12](#) (KREM)

[3 Covid-19 Trials Have Been Paused for Safety. That's a Good Thing.](#) (NY Times)

[Covid-19 clinical trial pauses 'show the system is working'](#) (STAT)

[Facebook bans anti-vaccination ads but not antivax posts](#) (AP)

WA State & Re-opening

[COVID-19: Gov. Inslee relaxes restrictions on 5 Washington counties](#) (KIMA TV)

[What to expect now that Yakima County was approved for Phase 2](#) (KIMA TV)

[Rising COVID-19 cases in King County raises concern as colder weather](#) (KOMO)

['Concerning trend' as Puget Sound counties see increasing COVID-19 infections](#) (Q13)

[Complaints against Woodland council for in-person meetings, lack of masks](#) (Columbian)

Nation

[Proposal to hasten herd immunity grabs White House attention, appalls top scientists](#) (Seattle Times)

[Idaho teen diagnosed with MIS-C hospitalized, awaiting heart transplant in Salt Lake City](#) (KREM)

['Difficult situation:' Nation's top infectious disease expert warns of a surge in coronavirus cases](#) (USA Today)

[Oregon marks 600th COVID-19 death](#) (Walla Walla Union-Bulletin)

[Judge Blocks Wisconsin Governor's Indoor Capacity Limits Amid Spike In COVID-19 Cases](#) (NPR)

Global

[Americans Are Dying In The Pandemic At Rates Far Higher Than In Other Countries](#) (KUOW)

[Covid-19 Live Updates: Europe and the U.S. Confront Spiking Cases as Temperatures Dip](#) (NY Times)

Community

[Pacific Northwest Ballet is making dance...with masks, social distancing, and a lot of trepidation for the future](#) (KUOW)

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Mental / Behavioral Health

[Sleepless Nights, Hair Loss And Cracked Teeth: Pandemic Stress Takes Its Toll](#) (NPR)

[When What Parents Are Feeling Is More Than Just Stress](#) (NY Times)

Research / Science

[Study finds health systems, government responses linked to coronavirus tolls](#) (KING 5)

[Invisible saliva bursting from lips may explain asymptomatic COVID-19 spread, study says](#) (News Tribune)

[Study: Health systems, govt responses linked to virus tolls](#) (Seattle Times)

Weather Information

National Weather Service (NWS) Forecasts

Pendleton (OR) Forecast Office

Thursday 10/15 - Areas of frost before noon. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 61. Light and variable wind becoming northwest around 6 mph in the afternoon. **Thursday Night**- Mostly clear, with a low around 36. North wind around 6 mph becoming south after midnight.

Friday 10/16 - Areas of frost before 9am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 71. South wind 7 to 16 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 24 mph.

Portland (OR) Forecast Office

Thursday 10/15 - Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 64. Calm wind becoming north northeast 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon. **Thursday Night** - Patchy fog after 2am. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 47. North northeast wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Friday 10/16 - A 20 percent chance of rain after 11am. Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Calm wind.

Seattle Forecast Office

Thursday 10/15 - Areas of fog before noon. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Calm wind becoming northwest around 6 mph in the afternoon. **Thursday Night** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 7 mph after midnight.

Friday 10/16 - A 40 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. South wind 9 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Spokane Forecast Office

Thursday 10/15 - Areas of frost before 10am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 56. Light south wind. **Thursday Night**. Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Light south wind.

Friday 10/16 - A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Areas of frost before 7am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 63. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to 11 to 16 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

National Weather Service (NWS) Alerts for 10/14/20 as of 11:05 PDT

No Active watches, warning or advisories for Washington

For additional details – NW Alerts for State of WA website: <https://alerts.weather.gov/cap/wa.php?x=1>

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