

COVID-19 & Schools: System Readiness and Local Data

Local Public Health Capacity

Before offering or expanding in-person services, both the school and local public health system shall be ready to monitor for and respond to suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19. The table below reflects the Snohomish Health District's capacity to meet needs laid out in the Washington State Department of Health's [K-12 Guidance – School Metrics and Toolkit](#).

System Capacity	System Readiness
Adequate access to testing in the community health system for ill students and staff	YES
Capacity to investigate confirmed COVID19 cases, quarantine their close contacts and assess whether transmission is occurring in the school	YES
Ability to monitor the level of community spread to determine when a change in education modality is needed	YES

Local COVID-19 Activity

Schools are asked to consider educational modalities based on community transmission and other health and education risks and benefits.

Local COVID-19 Activity Level	MODERATE
Rolling 2-week case rate per 100,00 residents (January 24 – February 6, 2021)	173 per 100k
Trend in hospitalizations and cases (January 24 – February 6, 2021)	Decreasing
Test positivity of 5-10% (January 17-23, 2021)	8%

COVID-19 Activity in Public & Private K-12 Schools

The data shown below is preliminary and based on cases reported to the Snohomish Health District. Note that these numbers may differ from reports by DOH, which are based on outbreaks of two or more cases within a 14-day period.

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb*	Total
Number of Cases	6	8	38	84	50	72	27	285
Number of Facilities	6	8	26	42	43	52	24	201**

* through February 11, 2021

** number of unique facilities impacted

For the two-week period from January 29 – February 11, 2021:

- 31 facilities with COVID-19 cases
- 18 of those facilities were staff cases, 9 facilities were student cases, and 4 facilities were both staff and students.