

Child Care, Schools & Higher Ed: 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 (February 28 – March 6, 2021)	84 per 100k
Trend in hospitalizations and cases (February 28 – March 6, 2021)	Decreasing
Test positivity of 5-10% (February 28 – March 6, 2021)	5.6%

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	Mar*	Total
Number of Cases	6	8	38	84	50	72	40	14	312
Number of Facilities	6	8	26	42	43	52	34	11	222**

* through March 11, 2021

** number of unique facilities impacted

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COVID-19 Activity in Child Care, K-12 Schools & Higher Education

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Metric	Definition	Current Feb 26 – Mar 11	Prior Feb 11 – Feb 25
Child Care	Total number of facilities with confirmed cases	8	10
	Number of facilities with cases involving staff only	4	3
	Number of facilities with cases involving students only	4	5
	Number of facilities with cases involving both staff and students	0	2
	Facilities with outbreaks (2 or more cases in non-household members)	2	6
K-12 (public & private)	Total number of facilities with confirmed cases	16	15
	Number of facilities with cases involving staff only	3	3
	Number of facilities with cases involving students only	7	11
	Number of facilities with cases involving both staff and students	8	2
	Facilities with outbreaks (2 or more cases in non-household members)	1	2
Higher Education & Vocational Technology Institutions	Total number of facilities with confirmed cases	1	1
	Number of facilities with cases involving staff only	0	0
	Number of facilities with cases involving students only	1	1
	Number of facilities with cases involving both staff and students	0	0
	Facilities with outbreaks (2 or more cases in non-household members)	1	1
Close Contacts	Number of close contacts identified through case investigations for all facilities listed above	116	118