



ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Island County has received notice that one of the positive coronavirus cases recently reported has sadly passed away. The COVID-19 related death was an individual in her early 90's. She had underlying health conditions and passed away at home. Island County Public Health currently has 17 confirmed positive cases.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is now wide-spread in Island County. All residents must take urgent action to help minimize the health impacts of COVID-19. Mandates and public health recommendations apply to our entire community, in all locations, on both Camano and Whidbey Islands. These include:

- Events with 50 people or more are prohibited.
- Events with fewer than 50 people are prohibited unless event organizers observe the COVID-19 prevention measures outlined by the Centers for Disease Control.
- Mandated temporary closure of restaurants (except take-out and delivery services), bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities.
- Close contact with others should be limited as much as possible.
- Individuals at-risk for severe illness should stay at home.

These mandates and recommendations are needed to support the most vulnerable in our community, and are a protection for everyone. The more united we can be in preventing the spread, the greater the benefit for the whole community.

As we anticipate more positive cases or deaths, Island County Public Health will not issue press releases. Please see our website for updated information. Stay informed as information is changing frequently. For additional support and information:

WA State Department of Health – www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus.

Call Center # 1.800.525.0127, Sunday through Saturday (6:00am – 10:00pm)

Island County Public Health – www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx

Call Center # 360.678.2301, Mondays through Fridays (8:00am – 4:30pm), Saturdays and Sundays (9:00am – 4:00pm)