

Safe Start Phase 3 FAQ

Kitsap County is in Phase 2 of the state's Safe Start plan. Here is how we get to Phase 3.

When can Kitsap County apply for Phase 3?

- Kitsap County will be eligible to apply to move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 on/after June 18.
- Kitsap was approved for Phase 2 on May 28. The state requires counties to remain in each phase for at least three weeks before applying to move to the next phase.
- Our health officer and Health Board cannot take action on a Phase 3 application prior to June 18.

What is Kitsap Public Health doing to prepare?

- **Kitsap Public Health expects to have a Phase 3 application completed prior to a special Health Board meeting scheduled for June 19.**
- **The state requires counties to compile a rigorous list of data points and analysis** related to COVID-19 disease activity, health care system readiness, case and contact investigations, and other key metrics. We are continuously tracking and reporting this information.
- **We are working hard to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.** An increase in cases could prevent our county from qualifying to move to Phase 3.

What is the Safe Start plan?

Safe Start is Washington state's approach to gradually resuming business, social, and recreational activities that have been closed in response to COVID-19.

Safe Start has four phases. **Kitsap County is in Phase 2.**

STEPS TO APPLY FOR PHASE 3

The state requires Kitsap County to take the following actions to apply for Phase 3:

- 1** The Kitsap Public Health District compiles the Phase 3 application.
- 2** The Kitsap health officer submits a formal recommendation to the Kitsap Public Health Board.
- 3** The Kitsap Public Health Board votes on the application and recommendation.
- 4** If approved by the Health Board, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners meets and votes on the application.
- 5** If approved by the county commissioners, the county submits the application to the state Secretary of Health for final approval.

YOU CAN HELP! We need everyone's help to keep Kitsap County on the path to recovery.

Community members: Continue to take steps to protect your health and slow the spread of COVID-19. Maintain 6 feet of distance from others whenever possible, wear a face covering in crowded places, wash hands frequently, and stay home when sick.

Businesses: Follow Safe Start guidance to protect your employees and patrons. Guidance can be found at coronavirus.wa.gov and kitsapgov.com. Prepare a Safety Plan for Phase 3 and watch for additional guidance from the state.

FIND SAFE START GUIDANCE AND UPDATES:

coronavirus.wa.gov | kitsappublichealth.org | kitsapgov.com

