

# COVID-19 WEEKLY OUTLOOK

What you need to know about COVID-19 in Kitsap County.



## KEY UPDATES

**Kitsap County's case rate per 100,000 of population continues on a downward trend**, and has remained below 200 for more than a week. The 129.1 on Oct. 19 was the lowest since Aug. 11. Case rates still place Kitsap in the CDC's "high" (above 100 per 100,000) transmission range. Learn more at [kcowa.us/covid19data](https://kcowa.us/covid19data).

**In August, 71 out of 72 COVID-19 specimens** sequenced by the state Department of Health were identified as the Delta variant. In September, all 36 specimens were Delta variant.

**More than 74 percent of eligible Kitsap residents** (ages 12 and older) have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, 67 percent are fully vaccinated. Vaccine continues to be widely available throughout the county. Information on future KPHD clinics and other vaccination options around the county can be found at [kcowa.us/vaccine](https://kcowa.us/vaccine).

**The FDA has recommended booster doses for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines** for certain people. The process for full approval of the boosters continues this week when the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meets.

**An FDA advisory panel will meet on Oct. 26** to discuss Pfizer vaccination for children ages 5-11. ACIP is scheduled to meet Nov. 2-3 to discuss Pfizer vaccination for ages 5-11.

**Flu vaccines can be co-administered at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.** Flu vaccine is recommended for all individuals over the age of 6 months except certain populations. Now is the perfect time to get a flu vaccine.

**74%** of Kitsap residents 12 or older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

**405 new cases** reported in Kitsap in the most recent week of full data (Oct. 3-9).

**14** on Bainbridge Isl. **133** in South Kitsap  
**88** in Bremerton **2** undetermined  
**89** in Central Kitsap  
**79** in North Kitsap

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## COVID-19 VACCINE

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and available at no cost.
- Everyone 12 or older is eligible for vaccination.
- Appointments are widely available in our county. Find a vaccine near you at [vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov) or call **1-800-525-0127**.
- Need help booking an appointment at a Kitsap Public Health District clinic? Call us at **360-728-2219** (**360-728-2218 for Spanish**).

## SPOTTING COVID-19 MISINFORMATION



There is a lot of conflicting and inaccurate information circulating about COVID-19.

How do you know what information is accurate and which information sources to trust?

When reading an article, research study, social media post, or other writing, consider:

- The source. Is the source a credible organization that has the appropriate expertise and credibility?
- Date published. How long ago was the information published? We learn more about COVID-19 as the pandemic continues. Information evolves. Look for information that is as current as possible.
- References. Does the source cite their references? Do the references have appropriate expertise and credibility?
- Verification/review process. Was the information reviewed by a medical professional? Are their credentials provided?

For more tips, visit the Immunization Action Coalition's Evaluating Health Information Online webpage.