Walla Walla County Department of Community Health

COVID-19 Operations and Response

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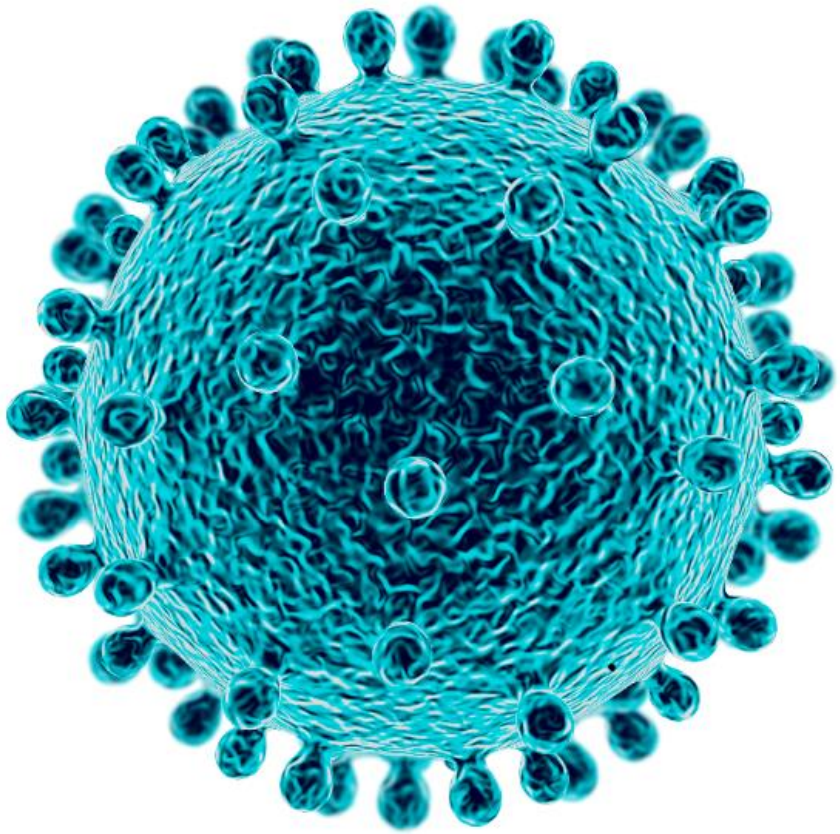
How did we get here?

Coronaviruses

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses - some cause illness in people, and others only infect animals
- Respiratory illness that can spread from person to person
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a **new** coronavirus first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China



Case Count – WA State

COVID-19 in Washington State

Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths by County

COVID-19 has spread throughout most of Washington State. Confirmed cases, hospitalizations and deaths reported for people who have had a positive molecular test for COVID-19.

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Confirmed Cases	**53,321**
Hospitalizations	**5,397**
Deaths	**1,518**
Percent of Deaths (deaths/confirmed cases)	**2.8%**
Total Tests	**933,304**
Percent Positive	**5.7%**

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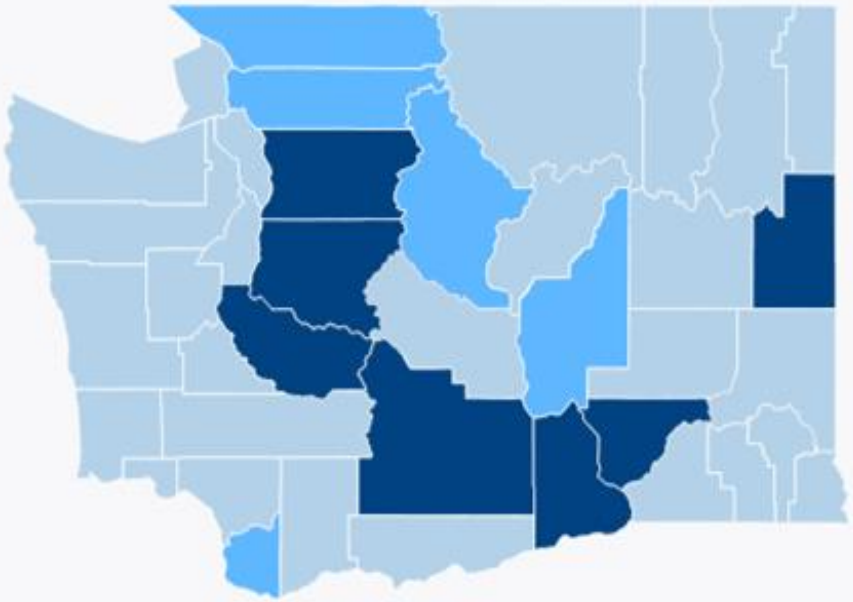
Confirmed Cases by County



Legend

- 2,920 +
- 2,191 to 2,920
- 1,461 to 2,190
- 731 to 1,460
- 1 to 730
- 0

Case Count – Walla Walla County

2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19) Walla Walla County	**Number**
Confirmed Cases**	362
Recovered*	256
Deaths	3
Active Cases in Isolation	106
New Cases for day*	7
Tests Submitted	**Number**
Positive	362
Negative	6439
Total - Only includes Positive and Negative Tests	6801

Case Count – Walla Walla County

Confirmed Cases by Community of Residence	Number
Burbank/Wallula	47
College Place	51
Dixie	2
Prescott	24
Touchet\Lowden	6
Waitsburg	0
Walla Walla	232
TOTAL	362

Case Count – Walla Walla County

Confirmed Cases by Age	Number
Under 20	40
20-39	149
40-59	114
60-79	49
Over 80	10
TOTAL	362

Trends in Transmission - 7/1 - 7/22

Row Labels	Count	
Household	22	54%
Social Contact	3	7%
Travel into county	1	2%
Travel out of county	4	10%
Unknown/Other	3	7%
Workplace	8	20%
Grand Total	**41**	

Our estimates of the effective reproductive number remain above 1 across the state into early July. While the declines through late June, especially in western WA are encouraging, COVID-19 burden will continue to grow if transmission rates persist at this level.

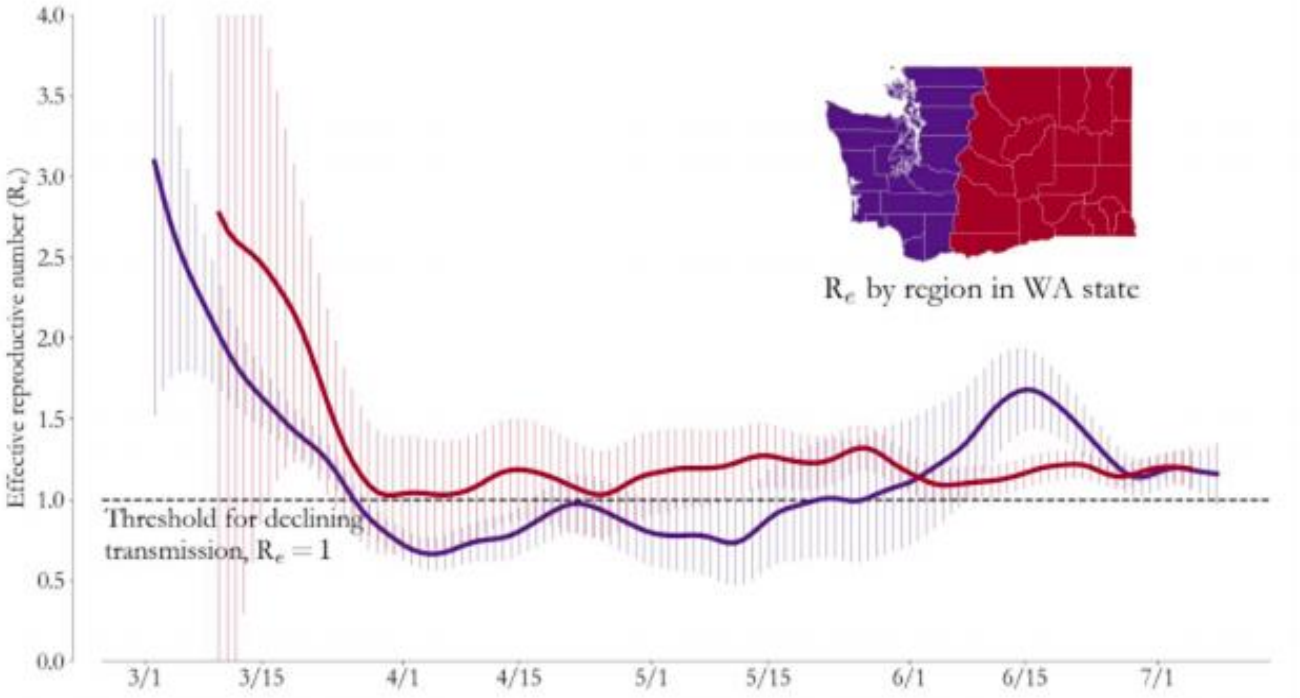
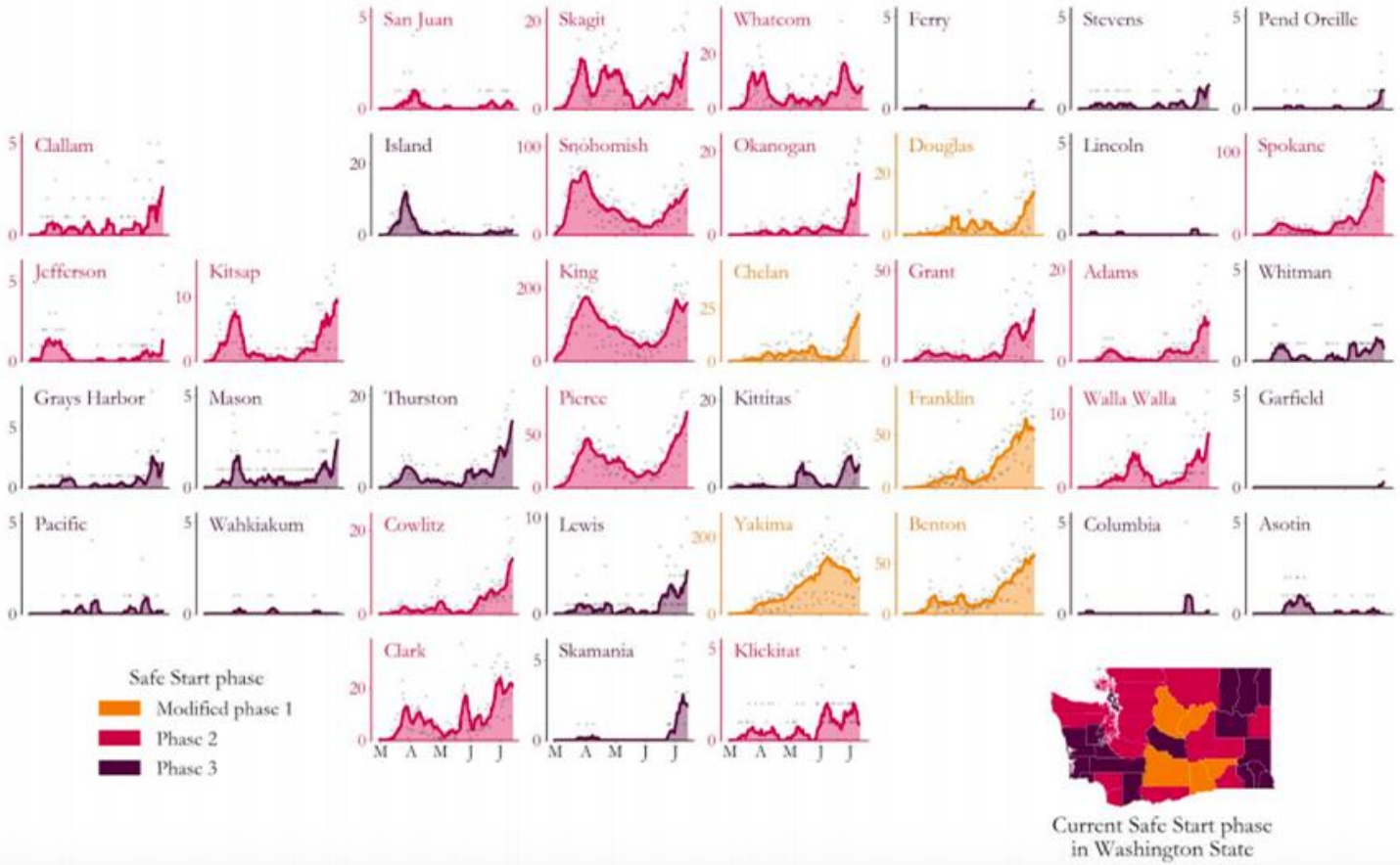


***Figure 1**: R_e estimates for eastern (red) and western (purple) WA, with two-standard deviation confidence intervals. In late June, case and testing data are consistent with decreasing growth rates on both sides of the Cascades. Still, our most recent estimates suggest that R_e is above 1 in both regions, indicating that the epidemic has continued to grow but at a slower rate. Continued transmission at this level will again lead to exponential growth in COVID-19 burden. For details on how these estimates are generated, see our technical report.*

A detailed look at cases by county shows that recent trends in cases are mixed across the state. There are recent indications of declining trends in Spokane, Franklin, and Yakima and flat trends in King and Clark, but these are counterbalanced by rising trends in Chelan, Douglas, Snohomish, Pierce, and others.



Current Safe Start phase in Washington State

DCH Operations

- Specimen Collection and Shipping
- Persons Under Investigation (PUI) Tracking
- Outbreak Investigations
- Case Investigation
  - Contact Notification
  - Isolation and Quarantine
- Education and Outreach
- Community Response
- Business Support and Guidance
- Reopening Workgroup

Education and Outreach

- Hotline/Helpline
  - Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Latino Outreach
- Social Media/Website

Community Response

- Education/Schools
- Long term care facilities
- Homeless Planning
- Behavioral Health

Business Support and Guidance

- What we are:
  - Local ‘experts’
  - Offer assistance to review plans
  - Secure resources
  - Provide education on guidance

- What we are not:
  - Regulatory

Reopening Workgroup

- Phased Approach to Reopening
  - Phase 2
  - Phase 3 Modified -
    - Gatherings of 25, rather than 50
    - Reduced travel

All Counties are on hold for the time being.

Questions?