

COVID-19 UPDATE

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STAY HEALTHY, HUSKIES

You can reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 by taking the same steps you'd take to avoid getting colds and the flu:



Wash hands often with soap and water for at least **20 seconds**. If water's not available, use **hand sanitizer** with 60-95% alcohol.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze – and immediately dispose of used tissues.



If you're sick, stay home and avoid close contact with others.



If you need to miss class, contact your instructor directly.

Many people who contract this coronavirus have relatively mild symptoms and fully recover. If you're concerned about your symptoms, **call your health-care provider first** before seeking medical care in person.

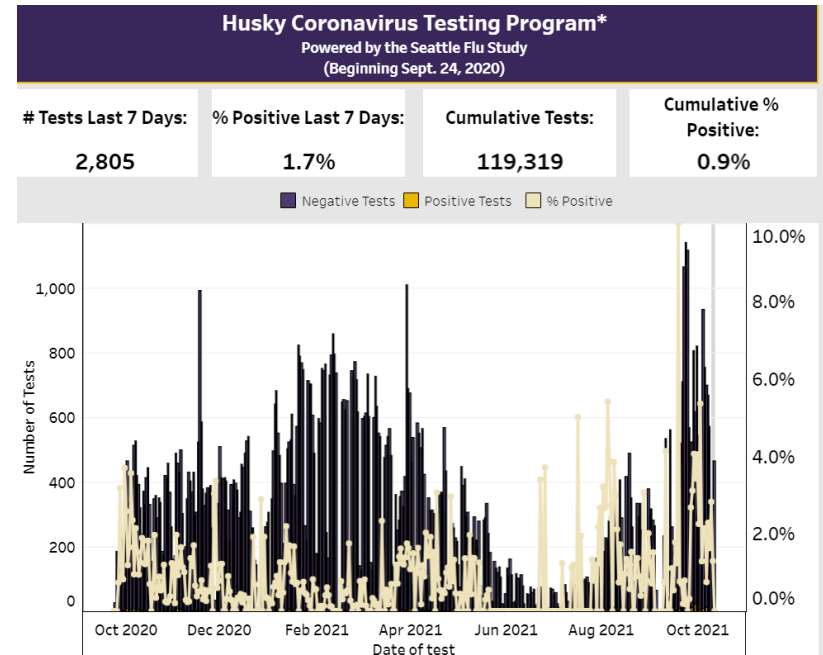
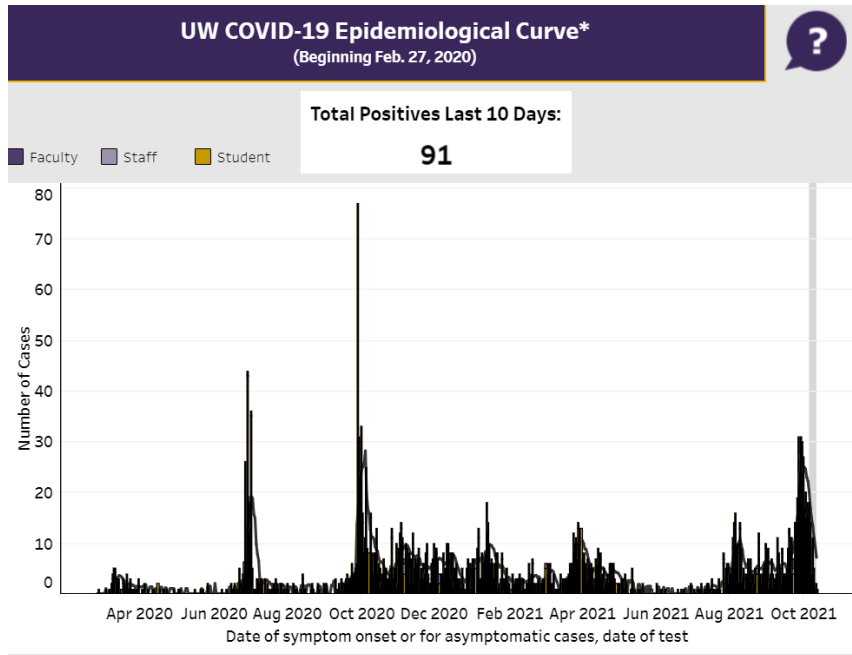
For more info: uw.edu/coronavirus



OVERVIEW

- COVID-19 Case Update
- COVID-19 vaccination policy update
- Other updates/planning

COVID-19 CASES



UW new cases sharply increased with return to campus testing, they are now starting to decrease.

- Most cases are UW students, about 90%
- Most cases are vaccinated people, about 90%

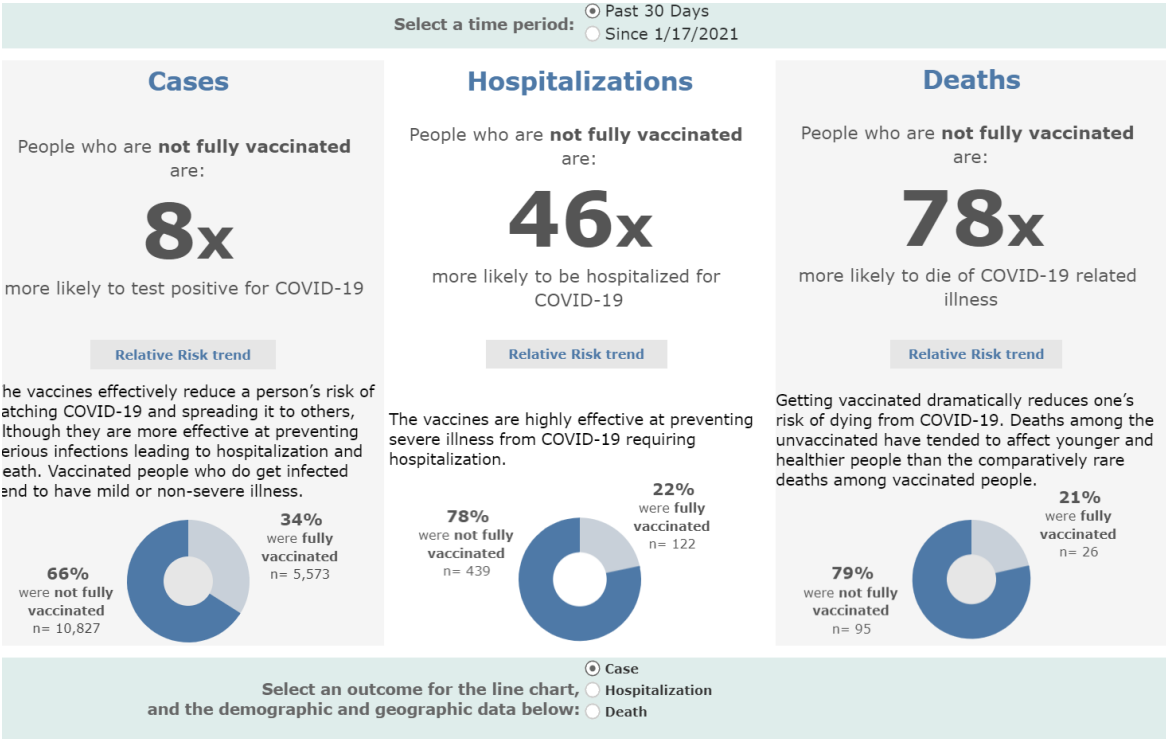
97% of students who have attested indicated they are vaccinated (82% response rate)

96% of employees vaccinated

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PUBLIC HEALTH-SEATTLE & KING COUNTY SHOWING RELATIVE RISK FOR UNVACCINATED



- <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/vaccination-outcomes.aspx>

COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY UPDATES IN PROCESS (APPLY TO EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS)

- Religious and medical exemption determination letters are being issued this week.
- Requirements for unvaccinated include:
 - Medical/procedure mask (no cloth)
 - Required 6 foot distancing while eating
 - Weekly COVID-19 testing (or twice a week for people who work in a health care setting or have patient interaction)
- Portal for uploading test results is being developed- information will be sent next week.
- Effective Oct 25, public health order requires proof of vaccination or a negative test result for event and entertainment venues (e.g., applies to UW Museums and theatres and other locations).
Compliance guidance in development

CONTACT TRACING PROGRAM UPDATES

- **WA Exposure Notify** is the primary contact tracing mechanism for classroom settings
- Updates to contact tracing program automation to help reach more people faster- electronic surveys, automated notifications, etc.
- Isolation and Quarantine guidance flow chart (next slide)



PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE FLOWCHART FOR COVID-19

SCENARIO 1: You tested positive for COVID-19.

Regardless of your vaccination status and regardless of whether or not you have symptoms.

STAY HOME and NOTIFY covidehc@uw.edu.¹

Do not go to work or class for 10 days since your symptoms started, 10 days since your test date (if you have no symptoms), or as instructed by a contact tracer.

ENTER YOUR WA NOTIFY PIN.

Your contact tracer will give you a PIN number to enter in your mobile device to confidentially alert close contacts.

COMPLETE THE ELECTRONIC SURVEY.

The COVID-19 Response and Prevention Team¹ will send you a link to a health survey prior to Day 10.

Did your symptoms improve after 10 days of isolation?

YES

End isolation if you have no symptoms OR your symptoms have improved, AND you have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication. It is not necessary to get tested again.

NO

Remain in isolation and notify covidehc@uw.edu¹ if your symptoms have not improved. Stay home until you have received guidance.

SCENARIO 2: You were in close contact² with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

Are you fully vaccinated?³

YES

Do you have symptoms?

YES

STAY HOME and NOTIFY covidehc@uw.edu.¹

GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

You can return to work and/or class if all of the following apply to you:
1. Your symptoms are mild; and
2. Your symptoms have improved; and
3. You have not had a fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.
If your symptoms are severe or getting worse, stay home, notify covidehc@uw.edu¹ and consult a health care provider.

NO

You do not need to stay home. You can return to work and/or class.

NOTIFY covidehc@uw.edu.¹

GET TESTED 3-5 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE.⁴

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

Watch for symptoms and wear a mask around others outside of your household for 14 days since your last exposure. If you develop symptoms, follow instructions for vaccinated close contacts with symptoms in Scenario 2.

YES

Contact covidehc@uw.edu¹ to receive additional guidance.

NO

No further action is needed.

NO

STAY HOME and NOTIFY covidehc@uw.edu.¹

Do not go to work or class for 10-14 days since your last exposure or as instructed by the contact tracer.

GET TESTED 3-5 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE.⁴

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

Remain in quarantine for 10 to 14 days from your last exposure and watch for symptoms. Contact covidehc@uw.edu¹ to receive guidance for ongoing or continued exposure.

Did symptoms develop during quarantine?

YES

Notify covidehc@uw.edu¹ and get tested immediately. Stay home for 10 days from symptom onset or as directed by a contact tracer.

NO

You can return to work or class when you have completed quarantine.

SCENARIO 3: You have a symptom(s) of COVID-19 but NO known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual.

STAY HOME.

Do not go to work or class, regardless of vaccination status.

GET TESTED IMMEDIATELY.

POSITIVE

FOLLOW SCENARIO 1.

NEGATIVE

Stay home until symptoms have improved and you have not had a fever for at least 24 hours. If symptoms worsen, get tested again and contact your health care provider.

QUESTIONS AND REFERENCES

EH&S COVID-19 Response & Prevention Team, covidehc@uw.edu

UW Coronavirus Page: <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/>

EH&S COVID Resources: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-health-and-safety-resources>

FAQs are all updated and more user friendly



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