



MAYOR'S REPORT

August 18, 2021

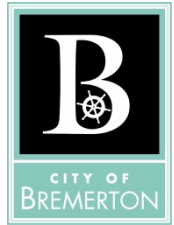
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Kitsap Public Health COVID-19 Update

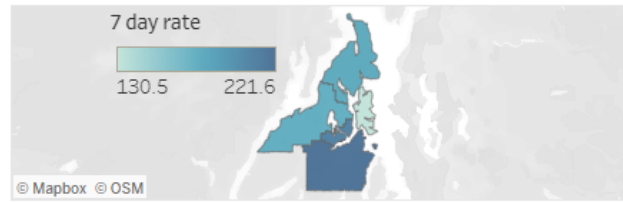


Cases per 100,000 per 7 days	% Positive (Past 7 Days*)	% 12+ initiating vaccination (Including DoD)
191.8	32.0%	67.1%

Rate of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000, Past 7 days*, Filter by Geographic Region



Rate of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 Residents by Geographic Region in Past 7 Days*



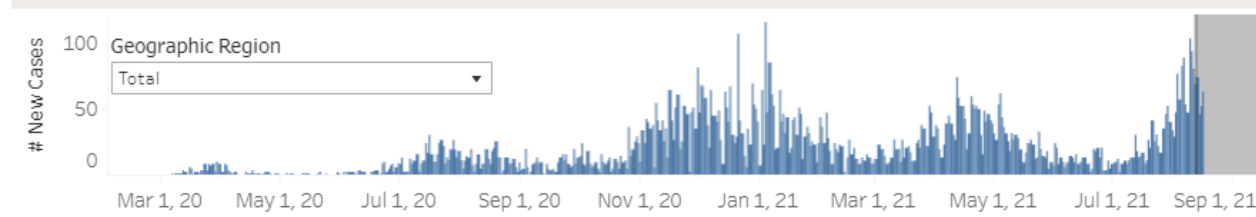
Cases, Contacts, Deaths, and Testing Information Current as of 8/17/2021

Total Cases in Isolation**	357
Total Contacts in Quarantine***	145
Deaths	126

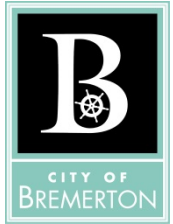
Total Cases by Region

	Kitsap	Bainbridge Island	Bremerton	Central Kitsap	North Kitsap	South Kitsap
Cumulative Cases	10,578	402	2,844	2,405	1,617	3,310
Cases added	125	2	28	29	23	43

Count of New COVID-19 Cases by Specimen Collection Date, Filter by Geographic Region



Kitsap Public Health Recommendations



In response to rising COVID-19 levels, and concerns about the highly contagious Delta variant, Kitsap Public Health is recommending a “layered” approach to help decrease the spread and severity of COVID-19. These include:

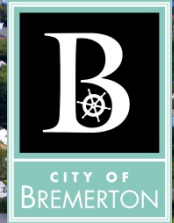
- Wearing a mask in indoor public places and in outdoor spaces where safe distancing is not possible. To align with recent masking guidelines from Kitsap Public Health due to COVID-19, the City of Bremerton shared with all staff today that vaccinated and unvaccinated employees are now required to wear a facial covering while indoors and must maintain 6-feet of social distancing between others. Kitsap Public Health recently issued a directive asking residents to wear a mask in indoor public places, including retail sites and grocery stores. For an FAQ, visit kitsappublichealth.org.
- Avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated places.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine shot. Book a vaccination at kitsappublichealth.org or visit vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov for other locations.
- Getting tested if exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if experiencing symptoms. For Bremerton and other testing sites, visit kcowa.us/covidtesting.
- Staying home when not feel well and self-isolate.



Nuisance Property Abatement Program

Program focused on cleaning up nuisance property in the City:

- 6 properties currently in progress/scheduled for this year
- Working through 20 properties added to abatement priority list in 2021



Waste Management Worker Shortage

Due to a shortage of commercial drivers regionally, some Waste Management services have been impacted in the City.

- To date, a few routes were missed in August as a result of the worker shortage.
- Residential customers who did not receive service may put out double loads on the next service day, at no extra charge.
- Customers are being encouraged to check for service alerts if carts have not been emptied by 7 pm on a regular collection day at wmnorthwest.com/bremerton. They can also contact Waste Management with questions at wmnorthwest.com/guidelines/missedcollection.htm.
- There should be no further service disruptions this week, and Waste Management will track service on a week-by-week basis until full staffing is restored.



Waste Management Worker Shortage

To address the driver shortage:

- The City of Bremerton has offered to extend certified drivers to Waste Management. Waste Management is considering this option; however, it may not be viable due to strict job-specific safety training and route familiarization required for new employees, which takes about five weeks to complete.
- At Bremerton's request, Waste Management is looking into executing subcontracts with other service providers to provide full service to the City.
- Waste Management (BremAir/Kitsap County) is providing hiring incentives, had a job fair, and is actively seeking out qualified drivers to boost hiring. Residents are being encouraged to contact Waste Management for job information and can contact Robert Hall, District Manager, at (360) 415-2751.