

January 20th First report in media of U.S. case of COVID-19, Washington State resident returning from Wuhan, China.

February 29th Washington Governor Inslee declares State of Emergency First COVID death in US at Life Care Center in Kirkland.

March 10th First "snapshot" issued, forerunner of the formal EOC Situation Reports which commenced a few days later.

March 11th Fire Chief Charlie Krimmert activates Vashon Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

March 12th Vashon schools close. VISD Grab & Go lunches available to maintain school nutrition program.



The School District Nutrition Program ultimately became a major food lifeline for students and their families, including neighborhood delivery using school buses.

April 4th & 25th Two virtual Community Town Halls by VashonBePrepared, Backbone Campaign, Voice of Vashon, Vashon EOC, VIFR; estimated 1,000 people view each one.

April 7th MRC/CERT Testing site opens, seven patients tested, doctor's order required.

April 10th First hospitalization of islander for COVID.

April 21st Community Care Team Help Line opens.

April 24th Vashon COVID Relief Fund launched, two anonymous households donate \$200,000.



Hundreds of Vashonites learned how to swab their noses for COVID-19 tests, safely inside their cars.

January 1st 89 Vashon COVID cases identified to date, cases doubled in a few weeks after months of slow increase.

January 5th Phase 1a vaccinations take place on Vashon at Sea Mar clinic.

January 7th "Hope 2021" insert in Beachcomber created by EOC Community Engagement Team.

January 9th "Creating Strength" resilience project launched by Community Care Team.

January 15th High volume drive-through vaccination site opens at Vashon Pharmacy, plan developed in collaboration with EOC/MRC/CERT.



Volunteers braved rain, snow and hail at the drive-through vaccination site. Vaccinators had their Jabber Hut pop-up tents for some shelter.

February 4th Some Island restaurants reopen for indoor dining at 25% capacity, others continue, take-out only.

February 8th Vashon Schools student athletes return to begin six-week spring sports season.

June 1st Four Vashon COVID cases identified to date 1,345 islanders apply for unemployment benefits, 25% of island workers out of work.

June 12th Silent march in Vashon Town in support of Black Lives Matter, 1,000 people march.

June 13th Saturday VHS Graduation event, car parade through Vashon Town and drive-through graduation ceremony.

Not the usual parade. Not the usual graduation. But, Vashon creativity as usual to get through our year of the pandemic.



November 13th King County COVID cases soar, concern about ICU and acute care beds availability. Governor issues travel advisory, 14-day quarantine for interstate and international travel.

November 1st 30 Vashon COVID cases identified to date.

October 27th Traditional Vashon Town Halloween street closing cancelled.

October 20th Raccoon Flu Vaccine campaign

October 13th MRC identified out-of-state travel as driving island's spike in COVID cases

October 1st 23 Vashon COVID cases identified to date

September 23rd All six new Vashon COVID cases this month related to travel.

September 17th Tales from the Edge, suicide prevention campaign launch, survivors sharing stories.

September 14th Very unhealthy air quality due to wildfire smoke from California and Oregon.

September 1st 13 Vashon COVID cases identified to date.

The popular VashonBePrepared raccoons have been up everywhere around the island to remind people about masking, testing, vaccinating, information — everything to stay healthy.

November 15th EOC Special Edition of SitRep; Gov. Inslee announces strong pandemic control measures because of skyrocketing COVID cases, rollback effective through December 14.

December 1st 64 Vashon COVID cases identified to date.

December 7th First Island death from COVID: Tom Sudduth (age 64).

December 18th Dr. John Osborn of Vashon MRC one of first islanders vaccinated, works at Seattle hospital emergency room.

December 23rd First COVID vaccination on Vashon: 60 VCC residents and staff receive Pfizer vaccine.

December 29th Second COVID death on Vashon: Marvin Benham (94).



Vashon Community Care Center Executive Director Wendy Kleppe gets her shot, one of the first vaccinations on Vashon.

Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity. — Simone Weil



to a volunteer who has been working in the community in one of the dozens of ways folks have been helping out. It's a thank you note-writing campaign.

Go to www.VashonBePrepared.org/GratitudeProject and read all about it. Send us an email to request thank you cards! and fill out the form.

We'll send you a packet of beautiful Gratitude Project thank you cards at no charge. Artist Jeri Jo Carstairs created the card, shown here. And, we'll be grateful to you!

VashonBePrepared.org Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Photos courtesy of: Michelle Bates, Tyler Young, Jim Diers, Allen de Steiguer, Rick Wallace, Richard Rogers, Susan Rierner & Jeff Duniciclliff

To Our Heroes WE HONOR YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING VASHON'S YEAR OF THE PANDEMIC

Our local emergency response organizations were activated by VIFR Chief Charlie Krimmert on March 12, 2020. It has been a very loonng year. We dedicate these two pages to all the VashonBePrepared volunteers, our partner groups and businesses, the hundreds of donors, and folks who just

walked up or sent a note and kept our spirits lifted by saying, "I can't thank you enough." Today, we see hope out there on the horizon—hope for an end to this challenging journey. Know this: we did this together as a community. To every one of you who helped this precious island get through this year, we say THANK YOU.



When the state added educators to the 1b1 vaccination category, they jumped at the opportunity, here at the drive-through vaccination site.

March 15th Nearly 40% of island residents over age 16 have received at least one dose of vaccine — 107% of seniors aged 65 and above have received at least one dose.

March 8th Nearly 300 Vashon teachers, para-educators, school and daycare staff vaccinated in one week.

March 5th Vaccination Phase 1b1 expanded to employees of schools and licensed daycares.

March 1st 106 Vashon COVID cases identified to date. Kindergarteners go back to classrooms, hybrid half-day model.



The kitchen crew at the Senior Center prepares hot meals for 75 people for delivery three days a week.

February 27th Third COVID death of Vashon resident reported.

February 26th More than 30% of island population age 16+ vaccinated, 90% of seniors 65 and over.

Table with 5 columns: 2,980 bags of groceries, 18,891 meals, 477 cases of domestic violence advocacy & counseling, 262 cases of rent relief & household assistance, 44 cases of business continuity support.



VashonBePrepared provided the lead vehicle for the Independence Day Pop-Up Car Parade. Naturally, the van wore a mask. It was a masked van.

August 3rd Chief Krimmert says "troubling trend," five new cases in less than 30 days, more than in first four months.

August 20th Raccoon Mask Up campaign.



For vaccine information, on and off island: VashonBePrepared.org/COVIDVaccine