

# Clark County COVID-19 cases drop while hospitalizations rise

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Clark County's recent COVID-19 cases have dropped for the fifth week in a row, with the total deaths from the disease also decreasing by one due to data cleanup in a short week of reporting.

Clark County Public Health's weekly recent case and hospitalization rate on June 15 saw the county's COVID-19 cases at 169.3 per 100,000 of the population in the past 14 days, down from 194.1 cases per 100,000 the week prior. The county's been on a downward trend since mid-May.

Though cases are going down, the county is seeing more hospitalizations of people with COVID-19. The weekly update from the health department showed new hospital admissions for COVID-19 patients were at 8.6 per 100,000 population in the past seven days, up from seven per 100,000 the week prior.

Through last week the county only had 183 newly-confirmed COVID-19 cases, though there was no count on Friday, June 18, in observance of Juneteenth by Clark County Public Health. As of the June 17 count, the county

had a total of 24,183 confirmed COVID-19 cases since the outbreak began, and 1,496 probable cases, ones based on antigen testing. The department reported 292 active cases that day, which are ones still in the isolation period.

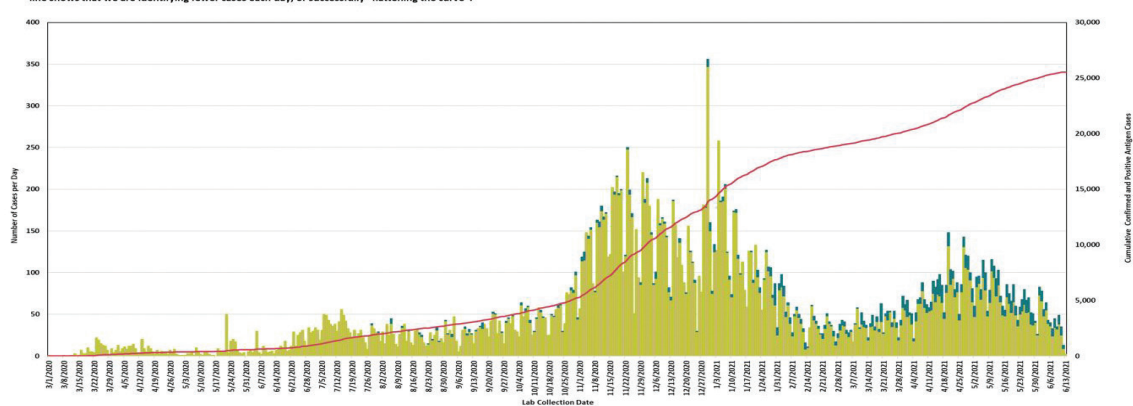
Clark County saw another confirmed COVID-19 death between June 11 and June 17. The health department reported the death of a woman in her 70s with underlying health conditions. Although that death was reported, the total count dropped as one previously-recorded case was determined to be a duplicate and another was determined to be an out-of-state resident. The county's COVID-19 death total was reported at 279 as of June 17, including 247 confirmed to be due to the disease and 32 suspected.

As of June 17, Clark County Public Health reported 32 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19, with another in the hospital awaiting test results.

Clark County's share of statewide COVID-19 cases and deaths held steady last week, as the Washington State Department of Health reported the county had about 5.9 percent of confirmed COVID-19 cases and roughly 4.8 percent of deaths.

Clark County Confirmed & Positive Antigen COVID-19 Cases, by Lab Collection Date

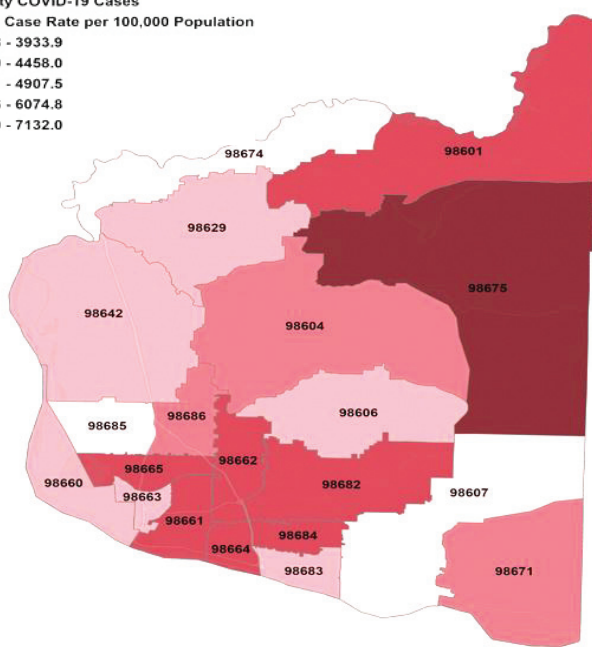
The "cumulative" line gives us an indication of how fast we are identifying new cases; the sharper the upward slope, the more new cases are being reported. A plateau or more gradual slope in this line shows that we are identifying fewer cases each day, or successfully "flattening the curve".



GRAPH COURTESY CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
**(Above) A graph showing the daily number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, as well as a curve of cumulative cases, updated to June 15. The left axis shows the number of new cases per day based on the date of testing, while the right shows the cumulative number.**

Clark County COVID-19 Cases  
Cumulative Case Rate per 100,000 Population

3164.8 - 3933.9  
3934.0 - 4458.0  
4458.1 - 4907.5  
4907.6 - 6074.8  
6074.9 - 7132.0



MAP COURTESY CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
**A map from Clark County Public Health shows areas by ZIP code where confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been tested. The rates per 100,000 of population in each ZIP code are shown by progressively deeper shades of color for a greater case rate.**

## Ridgefield seeks candidates for two open council positions

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Ridgefield is looking to fill two seats on its city council following the announcements that two members will be moving out of the area.

Council Position 2 and Position 7 are open for applicants who want to serve on city government, following a resignation announcement pending and the

prior resignation of councilor Sandra Day.

Day announced her resignation in April, which was effective June 1. According to the announcement, Day is moving to Arizona to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

"The children's book, *The Invisible String*, shows that love and friendships continue across miles as an invisible string and connection. My support for the issues of the Northwest will continue, as will my love for the work that is done by both elected officials and volunteers," Day said in the city's announcement that she was stepping down. Day was appointed in 2012 when the city council grew from five to seven members.

Ziemer is also moving out of the city later this summer. She announced her resignation earlier this month and it will go into effect on June 30. She moved to the city in 2011 and has since volunteered on a number of Ridgefield School District and city committees. She was elected in 2019.

"(Ziemer) brought a fresh and unique perspective to council decisions and will be missed," Mayor Don Stose said

in the city's announcement of her resignation.

Prior to Ziemer's announcement, the city had already begun the process of filling Day's vacated seat. The city plans on filling both vacancies at the same time, according to a news release. Prospective council appointees have until noon on June 25 to submit applications at city hall or online, with candidate interviews scheduled for July 8. The council hopes to swear in the new councilors on July 22.

Both Day and Ziemer's seats are up for election in 2023. State law usually requires appointees to run in the next authorized election year for a city, which would be this year, but both res-

ignations happened after this year's filing period, leading to the 2023 date.

More information, including online applications for the position, are available online at [ridgefieldwa.us/city-council-vacancy-june-2021](http://ridgefieldwa.us/city-council-vacancy-june-2021).

Paper application packets are available by request for pick up from Ridgefield City Hall, 230 Pioneer St. Those going that route are instructed to call 360-887-3557, and select option 0 to request a paper packet.



Sandra Day



Dana Ziemer

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