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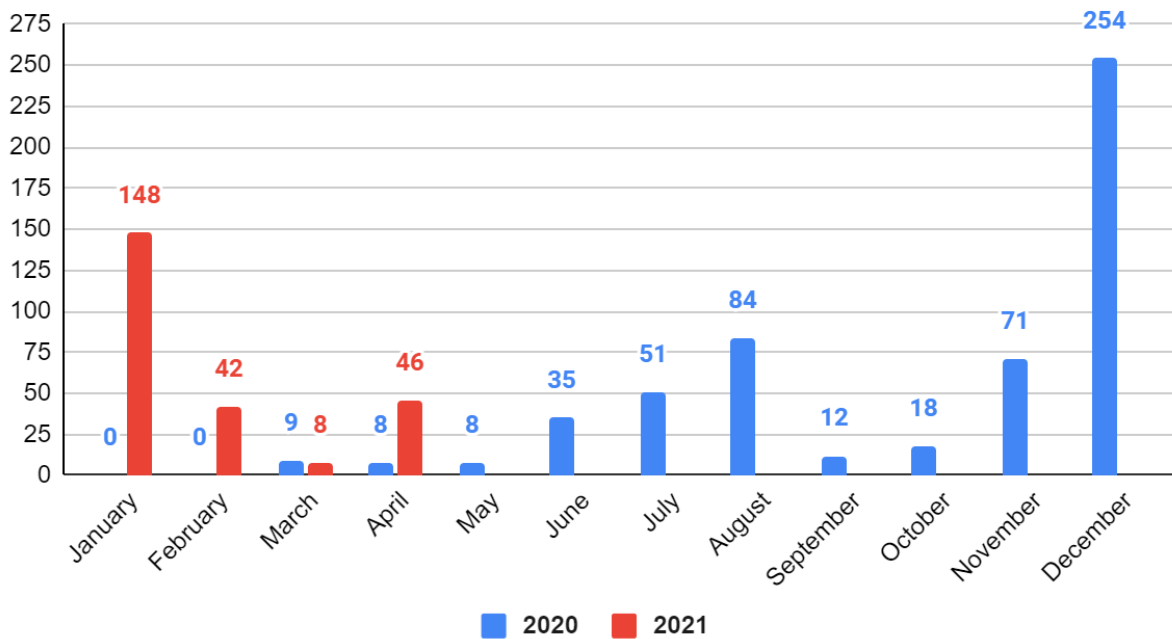


CLICKITAT COUNTY REPORTS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN COVID-19 CASES

The Health Department is currently investigating close contacts and sources of transmissions

Goldendale, WA, April 23, 2021 - Over the last week, Klickitat County has seen a dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases compared to the case counts that have been reported over the last couple months. As of today, there have been 27 new cases since Sunday, April 18th, bringing the total number of active cases in Klickitat County to 28.

Klickitat County Covid Cases By Month



As shown on the COVID-19 chart above, Klickitat County has not had this many cases since late January. This is concerning for the community because the increase in case counts affects the ability of Klickitat County to stay in phase 3. Moving back to phase 2 will have a significant effect on businesses as well as local schools who have recently been able to increase their ability to provide in-person learning.

In order to stay in phase 3, Klickitat County will need to maintain a case count of less than 100 cases over a 14 day period and less than 3 hospitalizations in a 7 day period. The next phase

evaluation will be completed on May 3, 2021. At this time, there are no known COVID-19 hospitalizations of Klickitat County residents.

Vaccinations are readily available for anyone 16 and older at a variety of locations within Klickitat County. All vaccines are available by appointment only and can be booked by calling Skyline Health, Klickitat Valley Health, NorthShore Medical, or Klickitat County Health Department.

You can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth when you are in public, washing your hands, and staying home when you are sick.

If you are currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary care provider about getting tested. COVID-19 symptoms can be different for everyone but generally include some of the following: fever, chills, headache, muscle aches or pains, sore throat, sinus congestion, dry or productive cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or cramps, loss of smell or taste, and fatigue. Anyone with symptoms can be tested in Klickitat County by calling to make an appointment at Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, or Northshore Medical Group.

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About Klickitat County Public Health

Klickitat County Public Health is always working for a safer and healthier community. As the region's public health leader and partner, we are committed to excellence through innovative programs, community partnerships and a fundamental dedication to promote and protect the health of all Klickitat County residents.

For More Information:

Klickitat County Public Health: www.klickitatcounty.org/289/Public-Health

Klickitat Valley Health: www.kvhealth.net

Skyline Health: www.myskylinehealth.org

Northshore Medical Group: www.northshore-medical.com

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard:

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment>