



Puget Sound & West Regions Moving to Phase 2

Changes to Healthy WA Metrics Announced

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Yesterday, Governor Inslee announced changes to the metrics for the Healthy Washington reopening plan. Now, regions must meet just three of the previously established metrics, not all four, to move forward.

Two regions in the state have been cleared to move to Phase 2, effective Monday, February 1:

- West Region (Grays Harbor, Pacific, Thurston, Lewis)
- Puget Sound (Snohomish, King, Pierce)

At this time, all other regions remain in Phase 1, during which indoor service is not permitted. See below for details.

Healthy Washington Phases by Region



Healthy Washington: Phases

The following restrictions are in place for eating and drinking establishments:

Phase 1

- Indoor service prohibited
- Outdoor and Open Air Service: 11pm close, maximum 6 per table, limit 2 households per table

Phase 2

- Indoor service: 25% capacity, 11pm close, maximum 6 per table, limit 2 households per table
- Food menu requirements for indoor service lifted for breweries that allow minors on-premise (bars now defined as 21+ establishments with no food)
- Outdoor and Open Air Service allowed: maximum 6 per table, limit 2 households per table

All previous health and safety guidance still applies.

Healthy Washington: Regions

The regions are mostly based on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) regions used for evaluating healthcare services. There are eight regions of four or more counties, divided according to available health care services based on metrics such as hospitalizations, case data and disease mobility.

View Recovery metrics by region [here](#).

Every region must meet three of the following metrics before moving to Phase 2. This was a change announced on January 28, as previously the plan required all four to be met.

- Decreasing trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per 100K population (decrease >10%)
- Decreasing trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100K population (decrease >10%)
- ICU occupancy (total — COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%
- COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%

To remain in Phase 2, regions must meet at least 3 metrics:

- Decreasing or flat trend in two-week rate of COVID-19 cases per 100K population
- Decreasing or flat trend in two-week rate new COVID-19 hospital admission rates per 100K population
- ICU occupancy (total — COVID-19 and non-COVID-19) of less than 90%
- COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%.

The metrics for each region will be updated every other Friday. DOH will move eligible regions into a new phase the following Monday.