

# Virus sickens 21 at Mount Vernon nursing home

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## MOUNT VERNON

A Mount Vernon nursing home is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 among residents and employees, Skagit County health officials said.

So far, 21 residents and employees at Mira Vista Care Center have tested positive for the coronavirus, the Skagit Valley Herald reported. The first case was confirmed June 19, and others were confirmed with follow-up testing, officials said Monday. Most cases have been mild or asymptomatic.

"In congregate living situations, COVID-19 can be very challenging to contain," Polly Dubbel, communicable disease and environmental health manager with Skagit County Public Health, said in a news release. "It's so im-

portant that the community at large works together to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help stop the virus from entering these vulnerable facilities."

The estimated 1.4 million people living in more than 15,000 nursing homes represent a tiny share of the U.S. population, but they have borne a disproportionate share of coronavirus deaths. Nursing homes are only now starting to emerge from a national lockdown in March.

Laura Gelwicks, Skagit County communications coordinator, said that much like the rest of Washington state, the area is seeing a general increase in virus transmission.

The state Department of Health says counties will remain in their current phase of reopening at least into next week because of increasing cases.

# International students can't stay if their college goes all-online, ICE says

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International students going to college in the United States may have to leave the country or transfer to another college if their schools teach all classes online, Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced Monday.

If the pandemic worsens and causes more schools to close campuses and move online, as they did in spring, the decision could affect thousands of college students in Washington.

But so far, only one public state institution -

Eastern Washington University - has announced plans to teach all of its fall classes online. The rest of the state's two- and four-year colleges and universities plan to teach using a hybrid model, with some classes online and some classes in-person.

Washington colleges and universities play host to thousands of international students who come here to earn a degree. In fall 2018, the latest year for which figures are available, there were more than 27,000 international students studying in Washington, according to the Institute of Interna-

tional Education.

Among all states, Washington ranks 11th for the number of international students who study here. The University of Washington is the largest draw, with 9,311 international students studying there in fall 2018, according to IIE.

Several Puget Sound-area community colleges also hosted more than a thousand international students each, including Green River, Seattle Central and Edmonds community colleges, in 2018. International students typically pay significantly more than in-state students and provide a major source of

revenue for the institutions.

The policy, described as a temporary exemption for the fall 2020 semester, says the U.S. Department of State "will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester nor will U.S. Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States." Students now in the United States will have to leave the country, or transfer to a school with in-person instruction, if their school teaches all classes online.

According to the release, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to publish the procedures and responsibilities in the Federal Register as a temporary final rule.

# Businesses to turn away customers without masks

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## SEATTLE

Residents in Washington state must wear facial coverings inside busi-

nesses such as grocery stores and restaurants or be asked to leave under a new statewide order in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The order came about a

week after Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee implemented the order requiring people to wear masks in public, indoors and outdoors where social

distancing is not possible, KING-TV reported.

Business owners who fail to refuse service to

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comments on the post," the statement said.

The King County Sheriff's Office Guild didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Meanwhile, the State Patrol announced over the weekend that it would no longer allow protesters on the interstate. Capt. Ron Mead said Monday troopers are "not planning to shut down I-5 anymore if we don't have to ... (But)

we will always err on the side of safety, so we will if we need to."

"We're only going to close it if we absolutely have to for public safety, whereas before we were closing proactively," Mead said.

During a City Council briefing Monday morning, some council members addressed the hit-and-run on I-5.

"It is another Monday,

and we have more to mourn this week," Councilmember Lisa Herbold said, citing Taylor's death, in addition to the earlier deaths of Horace Lorenzo Anderson Jr. and Antonio Mays Jr. at the CHOP.

Herbold said the city should help provide "support and resources" related to traumatized protesters.

State Rep. Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland, told the Seattle Times he requested a meeting with WSP officials about "the general approach State Patrol has taken in temporarily

closing the freeway" Monday afternoon, but he hadn't heard back yet.

Goodman, who's the chairman of the House Public Safety Committee, said he wants to learn more about "what happened, what went wrong and the mixed messaging ... I've also heard about some blaming of protesters for being victims. There's a careful balance of protecting public safety and also protecting the right to free speech."

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