

## **Reported COVID-19 Reinfections in Washington State**

### **Washington State Department of Health**

The “Reported COVID-19 Reinfections in Washington State” report has been discontinued as of October 26, 2022.

Washington State Department of Health (DOH) can only identify people with a reinfection if both their original and subsequent infection(s) were diagnosed by a COVID-19 test and reported to DOH. Since many COVID-19 infections are asymptomatic, and many symptomatic infections are not diagnosed by a test reported to DOH, DOH is not able to identify those individuals as reinfected. As a result, the number of people DOH reports as reinfected, hospitalized with a reinfection, or died from a reinfection is likely substantially lower than the actual number of reinfection events. With the increase of at-home testing in recent months, we have determined that the reinfection data are unreliable and no longer useful to evaluate.

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