

Workers' Compensation Claims for Exposure to and Disease from COVID-19

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Jan 11, 2021

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Quarantine ³	Known Positive Laboratory Test ⁴	Hospitalized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	4275	4021	2625	58	11	4066	37
Public Administration	852	803	270	7	4	791	4
Educational Services	359	339	286	9	1	342	7
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	220	209	145	3	-	172	18
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	111	103	74	-	3	41	27
Retail Trade	109	104	57	1	-	13	42
Accommodation & Food Services	103	91	23	1	-	23	17
Construction	78	63	29	-	-	3	22
Manufacturing	78	70	21	1	2	3	22
Transportation & Warehousing	74	67	24	2	1	21	11
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	59	48	22	-	-	48	1
Wholesale Trade	53	50	9	-	-	6	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	37	35	15	-	-	7	8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20	17	6	-	-	7	2
Finance & Insurance	6	6	2	-	-	-	-
Information	5	5	2	-	-	1	1
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	3	2	3	-	-	-	2
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Utilities	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	24	20	8	2	1	3	1
Total	6468	6055	3622	84	23	5549	226

1. Industry sectors defined using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Educational Services is predominant for university-affiliated hospitals. Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt. is predominant for hospital and nursing home administrators.
2. Includes claims adjudicated as Accepted, Rejected, Provisional, and claims Not Yet Allowed.
3. Workers may have been told by their employer or healthcare provider to self-quarantine for any # of days.
4. Number of positive tests are likely an undercount, as test results are not always known, particularly for self-insured claims. We linked L&I claim records with COVID-19 data from the WA Department of Health to identify 2.0% of the positive tests.

Claims are confirmed for known or suspected exposure to or disease from COVID-19. Counts of quarantine, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and fatal are for all claims filed. Information about the coronavirus outbreak and workers' compensation coverage can be found on LNI's [COVID-19 Resource](#) page. [Methods for COVID-19 Surveillance](#) details how this table was derived. Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Industry Sector Report](#) summarizes all positive cases in the state, not just those associated with workers' compensation claims, and indicates a high burden of COVID-19 in the Manufacturing and Agricultural sectors. The industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#)