

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and May 10, 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	5228	4946	3402	80	17	5000	18
Public Administration	1137	1080	466	15	5	1054	10
Educational Services	397	377	320	10	1	379	4
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	267	256	186	4	-	210	19
Retail Trade	128	123	74	2	-	16	48
Accommodation & Food Services	117	105	31	2	-	26	18
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	115	107	78	-	4	43	25
Other Srvs.(except Public Admin.)	105	89	39	-	-	85	5
Manufacturing	105	94	44	1	3	6	24
Construction	86	70	33	-	-	5	22
Transportation & Warehousing	85	77	31	3	1	28	15
Wholesale Trade	55	52	11	1	-	5	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	40	38	17	-	-	11	8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	18	5	-	-	7	2
Finance & Insurance	8	7	3	-	-	-	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	7	6	7	-	-	-	5
Information	6	6	3	-	-	1	2
Utilities	2	2	1	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	22	19	7	-	-	1	1
Total	7932	7473	4759	118	31	6880	230

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% 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](#).