The following data compares poison exposures reported to the Washington Poison Center during the first 161 days of 2020 (January 1—June 9) to the first 161 days of 2019 (January 1—June 10).

**Exposure Trends During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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The data shows an increase of 54% in suspected suicide cases in 13-17 year olds (with all substances) compared to 2019. For all ages, suspected suicide cases increased by 2%.

Exposures in children 0–12 years increased by 41%.

Since Washington’s Stay at Home order, 95.6% of all cases where the poison center was called first were managed at home by WAPC specialists. Keeping patients out of the emergency department saved $11,762,619 patient dollars.

**Public Health Education Events**

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Total events:
- In Person Education: 28
- Media Feature/Interview: 43
- Webinar: 20

Disclaimer: Reporting of exposures to the Washington Poison Center is voluntary and not mandated by law. As such, these data reflect only the exposures reported to the Washington Poison Center, and are most likely an underrepresentation of the true occurrence of any one substance.