

COVID-19

Friday,
March 20, 2020

WHITE HOUSE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE BRIEFING

This morning's White House Coronavirus Task Force Briefing had a number of important updates. Detailed information at right.

NEW SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT BLOG POST

Snohomish Health District's new blog post has great advice on what to do if you have symptoms or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Information to the right and on the [SHD Blog page](#).

COMMUNITY TRANSIT SERVICE UPDATES

Community Transit has made changes to fares and bus boarding protocol. See the information at the right.

PROVIDENCE 100 MILLION MASKS CHALLENGE

More information on Providence Hospital System's unique challenge to make isolation masks is to the right.

MARYSVILLE UTILITY SERVICE SHUT-OFFS SUSPENDED

City of Marysville has announced they will not shut off utility service customers for failure to pay.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

White House Coronavirus Task Force Briefing

This morning's White House Coronavirus Task Force briefing contained a number of important updates. Please visit the White House's [webpage](#) for more information on the briefing. Some highlights:

- The President announced that he has instructed some companies to produce ventilators and face masks by invoking the Defense Production Act.
- Federal student loan payments have been suspended without penalty for at least 60 days.
- Steven Mnuchin, the U.S. treasury secretary, announced that all taxpayers and businesses will have until July 15, 2020 to file and make payments without interest or penalties.

New Snohomish Health District Blog Post

The Snohomish Health District has a new blog post advising what to do if you have symptoms, have a positive test, are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or are the supervisor of an employee who has COVID-19. For more information please read the [blog post](#).

Community Transit Service Updates

Effective at 5 a.m. on Friday, March 20, and until further notice, [Community Transit](#) has implemented the following policy changes for public health and employee safety:

- All Community Transit buses will be fare free.
- All Community Transit buses will board and exit through the rear doors only.
- The front door will remain accessible for ADA customers only.
- The front 10 feet of all buses will be available for bus drivers and ADA customers only.

These changes will help ensure that Community Transit drivers remain safe and healthy and better able to practice social distancing as advised by public health professionals.

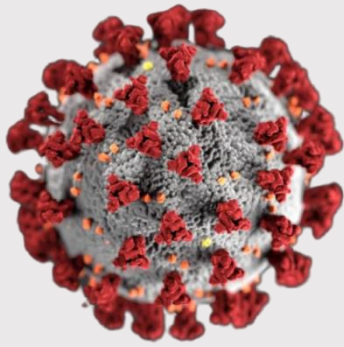
Providence 100 Million Masks Challenge

Providence Hospitals has launched the 100 Million Masks Challenge to ensure that caregivers have the isolation masks they need to do their jobs safely until the regular distribution channels ramp up. The effort is started in Western Washington with a call for any volunteers that have the ability to sew and a sewing machine at home. Providence created kits that will include all the materials volunteers need to make 100 medical-grade masks for health care professionals. This kit includes medical-grade material that has been lab tested. This material is not available for purchase commercially, which is why we are supplying it to our volunteers. Thanks to an overwhelming response from our community, all kits Providence is producing have been claimed!

Visit <https://www.providence.org/lp/100m-masks> to learn more and monitor if more volunteers are needed.

City of Marysville Utility Service Shut-Offs Suspended

Effective March 18, the City of Marysville will not shut off utility service to customers for failure to pay. The action, in compliance with the Mayor's emergency proclamation, is in effect through April 30. No late fees or penalties will apply during this time.



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SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

More examples of community support for local businesses are to the right.



RUMOR CONTROL

Please email the JIC at eccjic.activation@snoco.org if you are aware of any rumors that need to be addressed in our community.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: **1-800-525-0127, then press #**

Support for Local Businesses

Here are two more examples of how local communities are supporting their local businesses:

The Mukilteo Chamber of Commerce has published a list of restaurants open for delivery or takeout. The list is being updated regularly. Please visit: <https://mukilteochamber.org/what-restaurants-are-open/>

The City of Marysville is working with the Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber of Commerce and has published a map of local restaurants offering takeout and delivery meals:

<https://www.marysvillewa.gov/1047/Supporting-Local-Businesses>

Rumor Control

In a time of uncertainty, social media can become a platform for rumors and misinformation. The Joint Information Center (JIC) is aware of harmful misinformation about COVID-19 being spread both locally and nationally, making it even more important for our region to rely on trusted sources of information. Please email the JIC at eccjic.activation@snoco.org if you are aware of any rumors that need to be addressed in our community.

Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of March 20, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	385
Probable	16
Deceased	8

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	15
Bothell	39
Brier	<5
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	27
Everett	105
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	<5
Index	0
Lake Stevens	14
Lynnwood	54
Marysville	29
Mill Creek	11
Monroe	8
Mountlake Terrace	10
Mukilteo	8
Snohomish	21
Stanwood	23
Sultan	0
Tulalip	<5
Unknown	22
Woodinville	<5
Woodway	<5

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County.