

# COVID-19

Thursday,  
March 26, 2020

## **CLARIFICATION ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION SECTOR BUSINESSES ON WHAT QUALIFIES AS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS**

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## **NEW FORM RELEASED FOR BUSINESSES TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON "ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS" LIST**

See details at the right for the link to the new form.

## **WSDOT SUSPENDS MOST STATE CONSTRUCTION WORK**

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is suspending most state construction work for at least two weeks. More details at right.

## **STATUS OF SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT'S DRIVE-THRU TESTING SITE**

Appointments through Saturday, March 28, have now been filled. Check [www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing](http://www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing) on Friday to register for appointments for next week.

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING**

### **Clarification Issued for Construction Sector Businesses on What Qualifies as an Essential Business**

Clarification on what construction qualifies as an essential business was issued yesterday by the Governor. The clarification reads in part:

"In general, commercial and residential construction is not authorized under the proclamation because construction is not considered to be an essential activity." Exceptions to this are listed in the [essential business list](#) order and in the [construction guidance memo](#).

All construction activity must meet social distancing and appropriate health and worker protection measures before proceeding.

### **New Form Released for Businesses to Seek Clarification on What Is Essential**

Workers and businesses needing clarification on whether their business is considered essential or if they would like to request to be considered essential they are encouraged to [fill out this form](#) after they have checked the [essential business list](#).

### **WSDOT Suspends Most State Construction Work**

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is suspending most state construction work for at least two weeks. WSDOT is asking contractor partners to safely secure construction jobsites by the end of the day, Thursday, March 26.

While most state projects will halt, work to complete fish passage culvert work will continue in order to make progress on the federal court injunction deadlines and to comply with time-sensitive fish windows for in-water work. Work on the design portion of design-build projects will continue although fieldwork to support design will be suspended. Some details on that work are evolving in this rapidly changing situation and WSDOT will share more details when they are available. [Full press release](#).

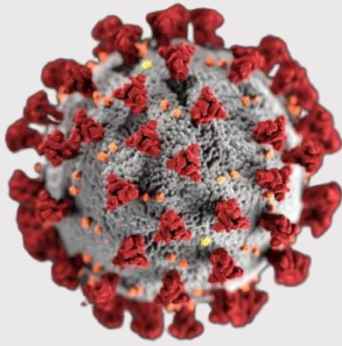
### **Status of Snohomish Health District's Drive-Thru Testing Site**

A new drive-thru testing option for high-risk Snohomish County residents with symptoms of COVID-19 began operation on Monday. Testing is by appointment, and the appointments through Saturday, March 28, have now been filled.

People can check back on Friday to register for appointments next week. Learn more about the criteria for testing and how to sign up for an appointment at [www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing](http://www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing).

### **Everett Transit Announces New Updates to Emergency Service Plan**





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## EVERETT TRANSIT ANNOUNCES NEW UPDATES TO EMERGENCY SERVICE PLAN

Read at right the new updates to Everett Transit's Emergency Service Plan.

## SNO-ISLE LIBRARY UPDATE

While Sno-Isle Libraries buildings are currently closed, library services continue online. Visit <https://www.sno-isle.org/online> to find out the many resources available.

## FRAUDULENT COVID-19 PRODUCTS

Beware of fraudulent coronavirus tests, vaccines, and treatments.

## RUMOR CONTROL: FACT OR FAKE RESOURCE

Keep emailing us those rumors at [eccjic.activation@snoco.org](mailto:eccjic.activation@snoco.org).

## DRAWINGS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Here's a great way for children in your community to send their thanks to the doctors, nurses, and health care professionals working day and night to care for those suffering from injury or illness. Details on where to send the art work is at right.

Everett Transit announced [new updates to their emergency service plan](#). Effective March 29, they will suspend Sunday service, continue to suspend routes 6 and 70, and operate all other routes on a Sunday Service schedule. Additional changes to ensure community safety include back door only boarding unless ADA ramp is required, no payment is required and masks are available to all paratransit customers.

## Sno-Isle Library Update

While Sno-Isle Libraries buildings are currently closed, library services continue. Instead of visiting your local library, you can check out an e-book straight to your computer, phone, or tablet. You can learn a new language, discover new ideas and go wherever your curiosity takes you through Sno-Isle's Online Learning services. Your children and teens can use online tutoring, virtual study rooms and interactive e-books to continue learning and engaging with the outside world.

Visit <https://www.sno-isle.org/online> to find out the many resources available. In the coming weeks, Sno-Isle Libraries and the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation will be offering more programming and services to meet the challenges presented by the Coronavirus outbreak.

## Fraudulent COVID-19 Products

Beware of fraudulent coronavirus tests, vaccines, and treatments. For more information please visit the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's [webpage](#).

To report fraudulent COVID-19 products please email: [FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov).

## Rumor Control: Fact or Fake Resource

The Snohomish County Joint Information Center (JIC) has put together a [Fact or Fake](#) resource to address rumors in the community. Please email the JIC at [eccjic.activation@snoco.org](mailto:eccjic.activation@snoco.org) with rumor concerns.

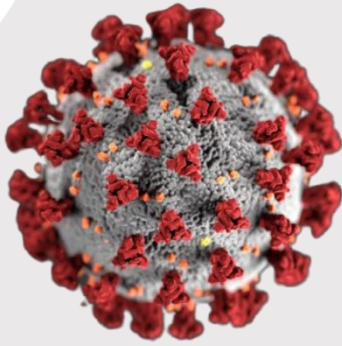
FEMA has also launched a [Coronavirus Rumor Control](#) page.

## Drawings for Doctors and Health Care Professionals to Celebrate National Doctor's Day March 30

Here is an opportunity for students of all ages to draw pictures of doctors, nurses, and health care staff taking care of people during the health care emergency. Be creative and don't forget to include a "Thank You" in the picture somewhere. These will go to Providence Hospital for distribution to doctors, nurses, and health care staff. Pictures cannot include crosses or other religious content.

Scan or take a picture of the art with your phone and email to [SocialMedia.Requests@providence.org](mailto:SocialMedia.Requests@providence.org) and [Volunteerservicesinfo@providence.org](mailto:Volunteerservicesinfo@providence.org) with a cc to [adhallanger@gmail.com](mailto:adhallanger@gmail.com). Include your student's first name and last initial, school, and city. Your student's art will be donated, reproduced, and possibly published. Please consider half-page images to reduce ink costs.

## Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of March 26, 2020)



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## 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 #**

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	778
Probable	38
Deceased	18
Community Acquired / Close Contact	706

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	35
Bothell	71
Brier	<5
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	69
Everett	213
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	6
Index	0
Lake Stevens	24
Lynnwood	103
Marysville	69
Mill Creek	19
Monroe	14
Mountlake Terrace	25
Mukilteo	18
Snohomish	47
Stanwood	43
Sultan	<5
Tulalip	<5
Unknown/Other	39
Woodinville	7
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.