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Tuesday, May 5, 2020

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Tuesday morning, Snohomish County leaders provided an update on the COVID-19 response. Link to view the press conference when it is posted is at right.

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT DRIVE-UP COVID-19 TESTING, FINAL FLU SEASON DATA

Snohomish Health District has provided updates on drive-thru testing, testing at long-term care facilities, and final flu season data. Information at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Inslee Afternoon Press Conference on Re-Opening State

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Gov. Inslee announced three advisory groups to guide the steps that the state will take in the next weeks to open Washington's economy. The three advisory groups are:

- Public Health and Health Care System Advisory Group
- Safe Work and Economic Recovery Group
- Socio-Supports Advisory Group

Tune into [TVW](#) to watch the recording. More details on the advisory groups are available [here](#).

Snohomish County Provides COVID-19 Update

This morning, Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) provided a media availability with county leaders to address the county's response to COVID-19. Somers, Spitters, and Lois Langer Thompson, Executive Director, Sno-Isle Libraries.

The recording of the virtual press conference is posted at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

Snohomish Health District Drive-up COVID-19 Testing, Final Flu Season Data

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) will continue surveillance testing at several long-term care facilities around the County, as well as limited testing in the east county area.

Testing will be in the parking lot at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch in Monroe located at 1070 Village Way. Appointments are now available and the last one starting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. Slots will be opened up on Wednesday for Friday, May 8.

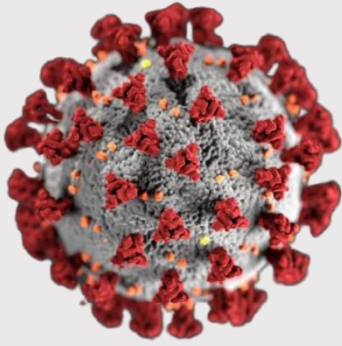
This community-based testing site is being operated by the Snohomish Health District, with volunteer support from the Medical Reserve Corps. Testing is done with rapid test machines, so individuals should expect results back in 15-20 minutes.

Criteria and registration details remain the same as last week. Updates and information is available at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

Flu Season Data

Influenza activity has sharply decreased since mid-March. Given this, the Snohomish Health District has prepared a final report for the 2019-2020 influenza season. There are two peaks this season: Influenza B peaked the first week of January, and Influenza A cases peaked the first week of February. When compared to other influenza seasons, the 2019-2020 season was fairly mild with a relatively low number of deaths and hospitalizations.

Read the full release [here](#).



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CDC UPDATES ISOLATION GUIDANCE; SHD UPDATES RESOURCES TO REFLECT NEW GUIDANCE

The CDC has increased the period of recommended isolation after COVID-19 symptoms appear to 10 days, up from seven. More details at right.

STATEMENT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON PHASED RE-OPENING

Yesterday, local government leaders issued a follow-up statement on the COVID-19 reopening plan issued last Friday by Gov. Jay Inslee.

CDC Updates Isolation Guidance; SHD Updates Resources to Reflect New Guidance

The CDC has increased by three days the period of recommended isolation after COVID-19 symptoms appear. Previously it recommended seven days isolation. The new guidance is 10 days.

This more cautious approach is intended to more stringently limit transmissions that may occur involving persons following recovery from illness and thereby enhance ongoing efforts to control COVID-19 illness. Although this change increases an individuals' isolation period, as illness incidence decreases it will affect fewer persons and thereby limit overall societal burden of time spent in isolation.

Recommendation

For persons recovered from COVID-19 illness, CDC recommends that isolation be maintained for at least 10 days after illness onset and at least 3 days (72 hours) after recovery. Illness onset is defined as the date symptoms begin. Recovery is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications with progressive improvement or resolution of other symptoms. Ideally, isolation should be maintained for this full period to the extent that it is practicable under rapidly changing circumstances.

For more information please read CDC's [webpage](#).

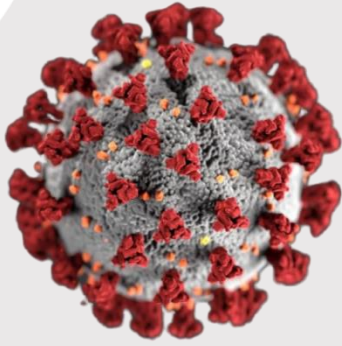
Statement from Local Government Leaders on Phased Re-Opening

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For the last few months, the world has been faced with a widespread, deadly pandemic that required quick and decisive leadership. Since the first COVID-19 case was reported in Snohomish County in January, the Governor and regional partners have shown just such leadership. We led the nation going into the crisis, and now other states look to Washington as an example. We used to have more COVID-19 cases than anywhere else in the country, we've now stabilized transmission rates. The success of the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is self-evident: our health care systems continue to function well; infection rates appear to have peaked; and we are effectively flattening the curve. Most importantly, we are saving lives. The support and participation of our residents has played a huge role in this success, and we thank them for the changes they've made in their lives and work for the good of our community.

We have lost over 100 souls to this virus, and we will lose more. The question is how many? Each was a person with a name, a life, a family and friends, and one of our neighbors. Everything we have been asked to do is to save lives, to ensure that the sick get the care they need, to buy time for treatments, and to hopefully develop a vaccine.

Our work is not done, however, and it is imperative that we hold steady and sustain this positive momentum. The Governor's announcement on Friday extends the timeline for us all to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, outlines the conditions that must be achieved for additional restrictions to be lifted, and sets forth a reasonable, phased approach for us to re-open our communities. We support this science-based, data-driven plan and remain committed to supporting the implementation of this next stage of response. We appreciate the Governor providing a helpful roadmap and relevant details on the phases of reopening, since it helps us and our business owners have the information we need to make plans for re-opening.



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY ECONOMIC TASK FORCE ONLINE BUSINESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY – UPDATED SPANISH LINK

Please share the UPDATED links to the Snohomish County Business Needs Assessment Surveys. Answers will be compiled and provided to the Snohomish County Economic Task Force.

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE'S 3RD OF JULY CELEBRATION FOR 2020 CANCELED

The 3rd of July celebration for 2020 has been canceled. Information and link to the news release at right.

LYNNWOOD UPDATES ON COVID-19

The City of Lynnwood has updated its status of current city operations. Details and links at right.

This public health crisis has been very difficult for our communities. Our residents, workers, and businesses have all been tremendously impacted. We've rolled up our sleeves and are continuing to work with our community partners to get our economy up and running again. We look forward to working together with our businesses, non-profits, and governmental partners on plans to restore vitality to our cities and county. Together, we will get through this.

Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish County
Mayor Barb Tolbert, City of Arlington
Mayor Liam Olsen, City of Bothell
Mayor Dan Rankin, Town of Darrington
Mayor Mike Nelson, City of Edmonds
Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Everett
Mayor Pam Pruitt, City of Mill Creek
Mayor Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, City of Mountlake Terrace
Mayor Jennifer Gregerson, City of Mukilteo
Mayor Nicola Smith, City of Lynnwood
Mayor Leonard Kelly, City of Stanwood
Mayor Carla Nichols, Town of Woodway

Snohomish County Economic Task Force Online Business Needs Assessment Survey – UPDATED SPANISH LINK

The online Business Needs Assessment Survey is an opportunity to share how businesses have been affected by COVID-19. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Answers to the survey will be compiled into a final report that the Economic Task Force will review as they make policy decisions.

Please share the survey with businesses. The link to the survey in Spanish has been fixed.

Mountlake Terrace's 3rd of July Celebration for 2020 Canceled

Cheeseburger Babies Foundation President Shaun Richards, the event sponsor, informed the city that he has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event. Mr. Richards consulted with city officials before making this decision. Due to the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, inability to attract sponsorships, and the status of social distancing still uncertain for July, Mr. Richards said it makes sense to cancel it this year and start planning for next year.

For the past four years, Mountlake Terrace has celebrated this event at Ballinger Park. The multi-faceted event attracted thousands of people and typically included live music, games, contests, food and fireworks.

For more information please read Mountlake Terrace's [news release](#).

Lynnwood Updates on COVID-19

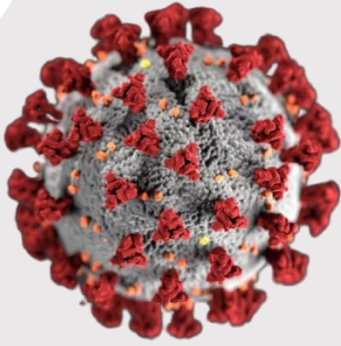
As we see some trails and outdoor recreational opportunities reopening it does not mean everything is back to normal. As a reminder, physical distancing remains critical to the health and safety of all.

For up-to-date information on what's closed and what's reopened, visit: [City of Lynnwood Updates on COVID-19](#)

For more information on how to remain healthy and safe on trails visit: [Washington Trails Association](#).

Lynnwood Celebrates Bike Month from a Distance





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LYNNWOOD CELEBRATES BIKE MONTH FROM A DISTANCE

See information at right on how you can celebrate Bike Month by playing Bike2Health BINGO.

KREIDLER ALERTS CONSUMERS TO NEW CREDIT SCORING PROTECTIONS DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler is reminding consumers that the federal CARES Act has a new federal protection that applies to how insurance companies use a consumer's credit history. Link to the full release at right.

CAREERCONNECT@HOME FOR WASHINGTON STUDENTS

A career exploration opportunity is available online for students to learn about real jobs and industries in Washington. See link at right.

Lynnwood is encouraging the community to celebrate Bike Month by playing Bike2Health BINGO.

To download your BINGO card and learn more visit:

<https://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/Bike2Health>

Be sure to follow Lynnwood on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as they'll be posting fun ideas and resources throughout the month. And remember to post photos on social media using the tag #Bike2Health. Let's ride together, apart!

Kreidler Alerts Consumers to New Credit Scoring Protections During Coronavirus Pandemic

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler is reminding consumers of a new federal protection that applies to how insurance companies use a consumer's credit history.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act and protects consumers during the coronavirus pandemic from any negative credit reporting as long as their accounts were in good standing before the pandemic started.

This protection also applies to how insurers use credit history to calculate how much consumers pay for auto and homeowners insurance.

Read the full release [here](#).

CareerConnect@Home for Washington Students

CareerConnect@Home is a month-long Career Exploration opportunity for students to learn about real jobs and industries in Washington.

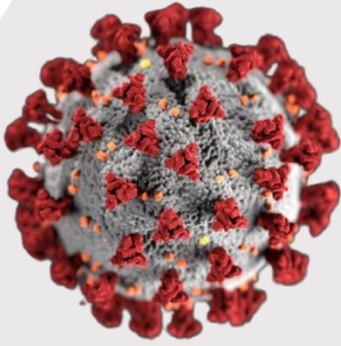
School buildings across the state and nation have been ordered closed through the end of the school year.

Not only are students at risk of missing out on their regular English and math instruction, but they're also left without critical career exploration programs that expose students to new industries, job functions, and career pathways. CareerConnect@Home was created to:

- Deliver high quality Career Exploration content to all students in Washington during the COVID-19 school closure, with a focus on high-demand industries and careers, while representing diverse educational pathways (including apprenticeship, 2-year, and 4-year)
- Achieve student engagement in all 9 ESD regions
- Achieve >1,000 unique viewers across all sessions (live + watch later)
- Ensure access for students of color, from low-income families, in rural areas, or those with limited access to career exploration content and opportunities
- Supplement existing Career Connected Learning curricula during COVID-19 school closure; create a library of Washington-specific Career Exploration content that is engaging and relevant for future use by students, families, educators, community-based organizations, state agencies, and other stakeholders

For more information please read the Career Connect's [toolkit](#).

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Employment Security is expecting nearly 1 million claims this week. Tips to avoid the rush to apply are listed at right.

ONLINE TOWN HALL HOSTED BY WASHINGTON REP. PRAMILA JAYAPAL AND SEN. PATTY MURRAY

Rep. Jayapal and Sen. Patty Murray have announced an online town hall on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:00 p.m. PST. Link at right.

FEMA COORDINATES PPE PACKAGES FOR NURSING HOMES

FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the nation. Information at right.

COVID-19 AND ANIMALS

The CDC is advising to treat pets as you would other human family members if you become sick or test positive for COVID-19.

SBA TO MAKE ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE TO US AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. See links at right.

Last week, Employment Security received nearly 1 million unemployment claims. With your help, website traffic was level and most people were able to submit their claims online without trouble. We expect a similar number of claims this week. Check out these tips to avoid the rush:

- ✓ Wait until after Monday to submit your claim.
- ✓ Submit your claim late at night, or early in the morning. Site traffic is lowest 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- ✓ Not a first-time filer? Submit your weekly claim via automated phone system after 6 p.m. (800-318-6022)

Online Town Hall Hosted by Washington Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Sen. Patty Murray

Join Rep. Jayapal and Sen. Patty Murray for an online town hall on what Congress must do for Washingtonians on Wednesday, May 6th, at 5 PM PST at facebook.com/repjayapal

FEMA Coordinates PPE Packages for Nursing Homes

Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the nation.

The mission will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA will ship PPE to Medicaid- and Medicare-certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association to serve as a bridge between other PPE shipments.

Each nursing home will receive two shipments with a combined total of 14 days' worth of PPE.

Shipments of the first seven-day supply are expected to begin the first week of May.

Shipments of an additional seven-day supply will begin in early June.

For more information please read FEMA's [news release](#).

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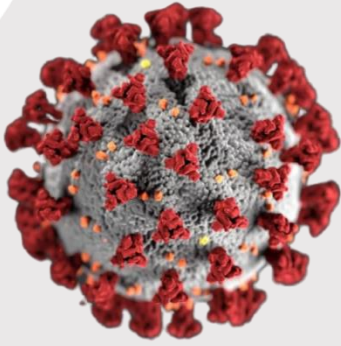
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is still learning about COVID-19, but they know it is primarily spreading from person-to-person and it appears that it can spread from people to animals in some situations.

The CDC advises to treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people or animals outside the household. If a person inside the household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets.

SBA to Make Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to U.S. Agricultural Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Jovita Carranza announced yesterday that agricultural businesses are now eligible for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. SBA's [EIDL portal](#) has reopened as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. The legislation, signed into law by the President one week ago, provided additional funding for farmers and ranchers and certain other agricultural businesses affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching, and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries (as defined by section



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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](#).

The Health District longer updates case counts on the website on Saturdays and Sundays.

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

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

18(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 647(b)). Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

The SBA will begin accepting new EIDL applications on a limited basis only, in order to provide unprecedented relief to [U.S. agricultural businesses](#). For agricultural businesses that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted before the portal stopped accepting new applications on April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

For more information read SBA's [news release](#) and the USDA Secretary's [statement](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 5, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:47 p.m.
Confirmed	2,574
Probable	234
Deceased	111

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:47 p.m.
Arlington	112 (77 recovered)
Bothell*	174 (123 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	292 (178 recovered)
Everett	802 (479 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	22 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	103 (85 recovered)
Lynnwood	545 (285 recovered)
Marysville	214 (130 recovered)
Mill Creek	45 (30 recovered)
Monroe	68 (49 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	95 (56 recovered)
Mukilteo	51 (43 recovered)
Snohomish	126 (95 recovered)
Stanwood	88 (67 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	14 (5 recovered)
Unknown/Other	5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (10 recovered)
Woodway	7 (5 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.