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Thursday, May 7, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATE

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County will provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19 and pets. The link to view the video when it is posted is at right.

A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY FROM SNOHOMISH MAYOR KARTAK AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT SANDERS

A link to the open letter to the citizens of the City of Snohomish is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BUSINESS CHANGES PRODUCTION TO PPE

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Update

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) will provide a media availability with county leaders to address the county's response to COVID-19 and pets. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Snohomish Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Timothy Cavanagh, DVM, All Creatures Veterinary Services.

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

A Letter to the Community from Snohomish Mayor Kartak and Council President Sanders

Snohomish Mayor John Kartak and Council President Jason Sanders issued a letter to their community today regarding the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order." The letter included the expectation that every citizen, business owner, and visitor to the City will follow safe distancing protocols developed by medical professionals at the national, state, and local level.

Read the full letter [here](#).

Snohomish County Business Changes Production to PPE

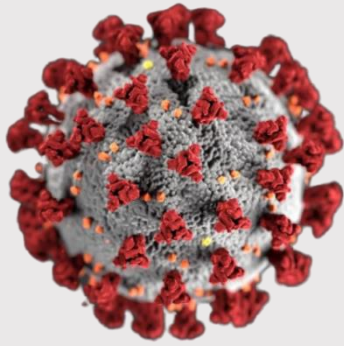
Today, Wizard International and Snohomish County announced progress on local Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) production. Wizard International donated 200 face shields to Snohomish County for distribution to health care workers and first responders.

Snohomish County has been leading an effort to connect local production capacity for PPE with end-users. The sources of this production capacity range from privately-owned 3D printers and sewing machines to privately-operated businesses with equipment and personnel that could be retooled for PPE (design, 3D printers, 3D scanners, laser cutting, water jet cutting, computer numerical control (CNC), workspaces, welding, tools, etc.). One local business that has jumped at this opportunity is Wizard International. Wizard International, led in Snohomish County by Cyril Faulkner, has shifted manufacturing in Mukilteo from picture framing equipment to face shields, based on a design approved by the National Institutes of Health. They are graciously donating their first production run of 200 shields to Snohomish County through the Emergency Coordination Center.

"On behalf of Snohomish County, we gladly accept this donation for the health care workers and first responders fighting this pandemic," said Jason Biermann, Director of Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management. "Wizard International's efforts, along with many other companies in our community, showcase the ingenuity of local businesses and show how our region is coming together to help each other. We are working hard to build local capacity for the long-term."

"We are proud, as a local manufacturer, to support our first responders by donating this delivery of Face Shields and grateful to Snohomish County for the opportunity to be part of resolving our nations PPE scarcity," said Cyril Faulkner, Chief Financial Officer of Wizard International.

Snohomish County will continue to support innovative efforts to provide medical-grade PPE for local health care workers and first responders.



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20TH ANNUAL SUMMER MELTDOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED FOR 2021

The organizer of Darrington's Summer Meltdown has announced the music festival is rescheduled to 2021

SNOHOMISH COUNTY AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT RESCHEDULED

The Snohomish County Amateur Golf Tournament has been tentatively rescheduled for Labor Day weekend.

SCHACK ART CENTER PROVIDES ONLINE ART ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES K-12, INCLUDING VIRTUAL TEEN NIGHTS

Schack Art Center is presenting online art-focused activities for kids in grades K-12. Link at right.



Find out more about these locally made products at www.wizardppe.com.

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

20th Annual Summer Meltdown Music Festival Rescheduled for 2021

The 20th annual Summer Meltdown in Darrington has been rescheduled for August 2021. For more information visit <https://summermeltdownfest.com/rescheduled/>

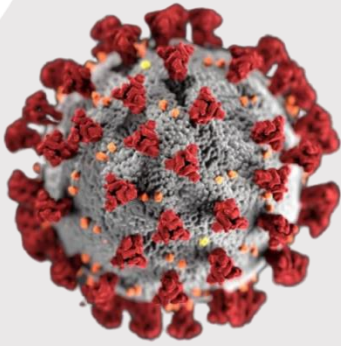
Snohomish County Amateur Golf Tournament Rescheduled

The Snohomish County Amateur Golf Tournament has been tentatively rescheduled for Labor Day weekend. The 90th annual Michelob Ultra Snohomish County Amateur was originally scheduled to take place during its usual spot over Memorial Day weekend. All three rounds were set to take place on Everett golf courses this year. More details at <https://www.snohomishcountyam.com/>

Schack Art Center Provides Online Art Activities for Grades K-12, Including Virtual Teen Nights

Looking for an artistic outlet for your kids? Schack Art Center is presenting online art-focused activities for kids in grades K-12. Visit www.schack.org and click on the K-12 Programs tab for the activities and online art lessons.

A special section has been created just for teens. Virtual Teen Nights are presented via video and PDF tutorials by three or four artists who each share how to do one art project. Go to www.schack.org and click on "Teen Night" under the K-12 Programs tab. Check back on the third Thursday of the month for new teen activities.



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GOV. INSLEE ANNOUNCES FIRST RISK-ASSESSMENT DASHBOARD UPDATE

Gov. Jay Inslee and the Department of Health released the first risk-assessment dashboard update. The tool helps gauge when and how to best lift restrictions. Links and graphic at right.

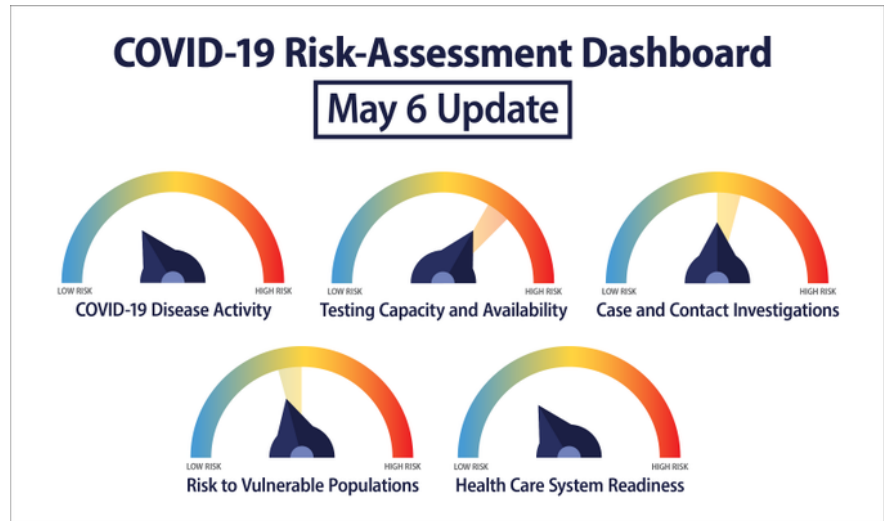
HCA SECURES FUNDING TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) has secured more than \$4 million in federal funding to respond to increased behavioral health service needs. Details and link at right.

Gov. Inslee Announces First Risk-Assessment Dashboard Update

Gov. Jay Inslee and the State Department of Health released an update to the Risk-Assessment Dashboard. This tool helps gauge when and how to best lift restrictions around '[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)' in Washington.

The [dashboard](#) features five dials measuring different data points in the state. The dials will be updated each week on Wednesdays. The public can view the data guiding the state's ongoing discussions on recovery planning by visiting [coronavirus.wa.gov](#).



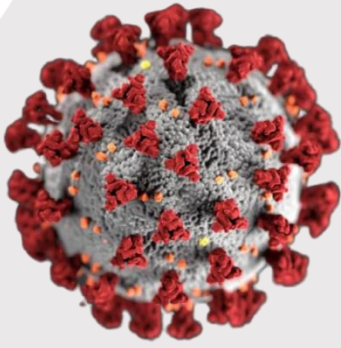
HCA Secures Funding to Significantly Expand Behavioral Health Services During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) has secured more than \$4 million in federal funding to respond to increased behavioral health service needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants will help ensure Washington residents have access to mental health counseling and substance use disorder treatment:

- A \$2.2 million Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency. HCA will roll out a program called Washington Listens that helps reach people who are affected by the stress of the outbreak.
- A \$2 million emergency behavioral health treatment grant through SAMHSA that increases substance use disorder and mental health treatment for individuals who do not have health care coverage or whose coverage does not adequately support their treatment needs.

Read the full release [here](#).



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RESTRICTED PRE-MIXED COCKTAILS ALLOWANCE FOR CURBSIDE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY DURING COVID-19 STAY HOME-STAY HEALTHY ORDER

Restaurants with a Spirits, Beer, and Wine license may now sell pre-mixed cocktails for consumption off the licensed premises. Details at right.

DRIVE-IN WI-FI HOTSPOTS LAUNCH STATEWIDE PUSH FOR UNIVERSAL PUBLIC ACCESS BROADBAND

The Washington State Broadband Office estimates over 300 new drive-in Wi-Fi hotspots are coming online statewide through an initiative to bring free public broadband internet access to all residents.

FDA APPROVES COVID-19 VACCINE CANDIDATE TO BEGIN PHASE 2 TRIAL

The FDA has approved the Moderna vaccine, one of many COVID-19 vaccines under development, to begin Phase 2 Trial.

IRS REMINDS EMPLOYERS THAT THERE ARE THREE NEW CREDITS AVAILABLE TO MANY BUSINESSES HIT BY COVID-19

The IRS issued a news release today reminding employers that three new credits are available to many businesses hit by COVID-19. Details and link at right.

Restricted Pre-Mixed Cocktails Allowance for Curbside Pick-Up or Delivery During COVID-19 Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order

In addition to the [current delivery allowances](#), effective immediately, restaurants with a Spirits, Beer, and Wine (S/B/W) license issued by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) may sell pre-mixed alcoholic drinks (“cocktails”) for consumption off the licensed premises during the [COVID-19 Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order \(No. 20-25\)](#). For more information please read the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board’s [bulletin](#).

Drive-in Wi-Fi Hotspots Launch Statewide Push for Universal Public Access Broadband

Public-private partnerships seek to bridge “digital divide” by providing free broadband access to all through community drive-in Wi-Fi hotspots

The Washington State Broadband Office estimates over 300 new drive-in Wi-Fi hotspots are coming online statewide through an initiative to bring free public broadband internet access to all residents. Partners in the state’s drive-in Wi-Fi hotspots project include: Washington State University; Washington State Library, part of the Washington Office of the Secretary of State; members of the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUA) and affiliated nonprofit Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet); the Washington State Broadband Office; Washington Independent Telecommunications Association (WITA); Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech); and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Microsoft and the Avista Foundation are providing funding, and the federal Information Technology Disaster Resource Center contributed equipment and installation.

To date, 140 of the new drive-in hotspots are operational, in addition to 301 existing Washington State Library hotspots identified across the state. All told, some 600 public hotspots will soon be available to keep Washington communities connected.

For complete information and a map of locations, visit www.driveinwifi.wa.gov. The [map](#) will be updated as more sites come online.

Read the full press release [here](#).

FDA Approves COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate to Begin Phase 2 Trial

The Moderna vaccine is one of many COVID-19 vaccines under development, but it was the first to begin phase one testing back in March.

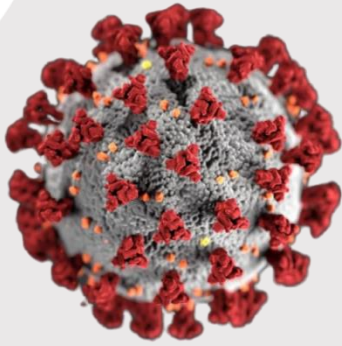
For more information please read Moderna’s [news release](#).

IRS Reminds Employers That There are Three New Credits Available to Many Businesses Hit by COVID-19

- **Employee Retention Credit**

The employee retention credit is designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll. The refundable tax credit is 50% of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.

The credit is available to all employers regardless of size, including tax-exempt organizations. There are only two exceptions: State



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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](#)
- [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**.

and local governments and their instrumentalities and small businesses who take small business loans.

- **Paid Sick Leave Credit**
The paid sick leave credit is designed to allow business to get a credit for an employee who is unable to work (including telework) because of Coronavirus quarantine or self-quarantine or has Coronavirus symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis
- **Paid Family Leave Credit**
The employer can also receive the credit for employees who are unable to work due to caring for someone with Coronavirus or caring for a child because the child's school or place of care is closed, or the paid childcare provider is unavailable due to the Coronavirus.

For more information please read the IRS' [news release](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 7, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,637
Probable	252
Deceased	115

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	113 (77 recovered)
Bothell*	190 (126 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	296 (178 recovered)
Everett	830 (482 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	22 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	105 (85 recovered)
Lynnwood	562 (292 recovered)
Marysville	220 (134 recovered)
Mill Creek	46 (30 recovered)
Monroe	68 (49 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	96 (57 recovered)
Mukilteo	52 (43 recovered)
Snohomish	130 (96 recovered)
Stanwood	89 (66 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	15 (7 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.