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Friday, May 15, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including serology testing, resourcing, and personal protective equipment (PPE). The link to view the video is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE PROPOSES BUSINESS RELIEF FUNDS TO PRESERVE THE ECONOMY

Today, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers proposed the creation of two new grant programs as part of the relief and recovery actions Snohomish County is taking to help businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Details and link at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Provides COVID-19 Update

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Mark Murphy, a Program Manager for Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management. They provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19, including serology testing, resourcing, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

The video is available at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>

Snohomish County Executive Proposes Business Relief Funds to Preserve the Economy

Today, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers proposed the creation of two new grant programs for businesses: first, a Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency (R3) Grant Program; and, second, a First in Flight Fund for Paine Field Airport tenants and other aerospace businesses in Snohomish County impacted by COVID-19. These proposed grant programs would be part of the relief and recovery actions Snohomish County is taking to help businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Snohomish County Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency (R3) Grant Program

The proposed R3 grant program now goes to the Snohomish County Council for consideration. If approved, the application process will be opened. It is anticipated that it will take less than 30 minutes to apply for most businesses. It is also anticipated awards will be made within five weeks of the application. Grants in amounts of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to qualifying businesses. Businesses applying for grants under this program must:

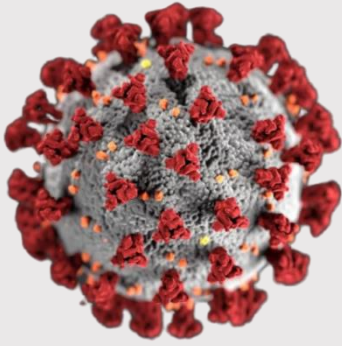
- Be licensed to do business in the State of Washington.
- Be a business physically located in Snohomish County.
- Have 20 or fewer employees (including the business owner/worker).
- Be in operation for one or more years.
- Certify at least a 25% reduction in revenue attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Able to demonstrate that the business was a going concern before March 23, 2020.

Economic and unemployment data for Snohomish County provides insight about our hardest hit businesses. The focus of this grant program is on small businesses that are critical to supporting our community's broad-based recovery. Priority will be given to dining, retail, hospitality, arts and entertainment, and service sector establishments. Businesses owned by women and people of color are encouraged to apply.

Funding is intended to support business sustainability through the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funds received must be used to cover expenses that have not been previously accounted for and are incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

First in Flight Fund

The First in Flight Fund is designed to assist tenants at Paine Field and other Snohomish County aerospace businesses sustain operations, keep local residents employed, and support the County's overall recovery efforts. If



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LYNNWOOD IS OFFERING UTILITY REDUCED RATES AND REBATES

The City of Lynnwood has a variety of reduced rates, rebates, and payment plans available for utility customers. Details and link at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 BUSINESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT – DUE TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the LAST day for businesses to complete the Snohomish County COVID-19 Business Needs Assessment. Please encourage businesses in your community to complete the assessment.

approved, grants in amounts up to \$1 Million will be awarded to qualifying businesses.

The proposal now goes to the Snohomish County Council for consideration. If approved, the application process will be opened. It is anticipated that it will take most businesses less than 30 minutes to apply. Awards are expected to be made within five weeks of application. Businesses applying for grants under this program must:

- Be a current Snohomish County Airport tenant or aerospace business and have employees on-site or in Snohomish County as of March 1, 2020.
- Meet all conditions of the Coronavirus Relief Fund CARES Act support received by Snohomish County.^[1]
- Be a small business.
- Be in business continuously since March 23, 2019.

The focus of the First in Flight Fund will be on aerospace and aviation businesses that are critical to supporting Snohomish County's recovery. Funding is intended to support business sustainability through the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funds must be used to cover expenses that have not been previously accounted for and are incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Examples of fund use include: employee payroll, loss of income or increased expenditures directly related to COVID-19, and loan/bond debt service for real property. Additional information and guidance will be in the application. Businesses owned by women and people of color are encouraged to apply.

Applications that are not selected will be kept on file for consideration should additional funds become available.

The County anticipates announcing a relief program for Snohomish County private nonprofit organizations within a month.

For more information, please go to <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5600/COVID-19-Business-Recovery>, the County's comprehensive page for residents and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

[1] Snohomish County will provide terms and conditions for use of the award.

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

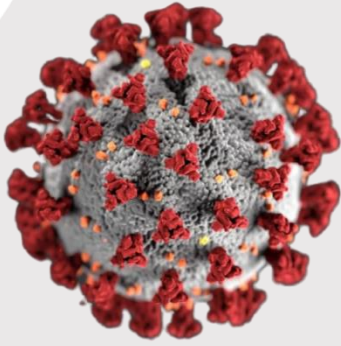
Lynnwood is Offering Utility Reduced Rates and Rebates

The City of Lynnwood has a variety of reduced rates, rebates, and payment plans available. Lynnwood will not be turning off any water customers due to lack of payment.

Learn more about Lynnwood's available Utility Reduced Rates and Rebates by visiting www.LynnwoodWA.gov/UB or call 425-670-5000 and press '0' to speak to our Utility Billing Staff.

Snohomish County COVID-19 Business Needs Assessment – Due TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the deadline to complete the 5-minute [Business Needs Assessment](#) to ensure business needs are heard. The Assessment asks businesses how they have been impacted by the economic shutdown, their plans for reopening, and the support they need to reopen successfully.



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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATES MEAL DISTRIBUTION SITES FOR MAY 18-22

Arlington Public Schools has updated its meal distribution sites for the week of May 18-22. Details at right.

EMERGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EDMONDS COLLEGE

Edmonds School District students enrolled in an Edmonds College class or program may be eligible for emergency financial assistance.

Arlington Public Schools Updates Meal Distribution Sites for May 18-22

Due to the reopening of the Angel of the Winds Casino, the meal distribution site that was located in the casino's parking lot is being moved to North County Regional Fire Authority Station 90 at 3002 252nd St. NE (Kackman Rd.) starting on Monday, May 18. The service time will not change. The site will be open Monday through Friday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

The other meal distribution sites will be available Monday through Friday at the following locations and times:

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presidents Elementary
Arlington High School

9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church in Silvana (1717 Ole Larson Rd.)
Arlington Heights Community Club
Bryant Community Grange
Kent Prairie Elementary
High Clover @ 47th Ave and High Clover Blvd
Traffon General Store
Timbers (Driveway from Tviet Rd.)
Haller Park
Pioneer Elementary

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Oso Fire Station
Kackman Road Fire Station (**New Site**)
Sisco Heights Church McElroy Rd
Mobile Estates off 67th Ave NE
62nd DR NE
Gregory Park (89th AVE NE)

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Whitman Road Bus Turnaround
Grandview Fire Station
Jordan River Trails
Rivercrest
Heartland
Woodway/Wedgewood Parks (176th PL NE/74th DR NE)

On Fridays, the Arlington Community Food Bank will be providing weekend meals for all students at all sites as part of their "Meals 'til Monday" Program.

The meal distribution form for May 18-22 has been updated and is available here: [Meal Distribution Form](#). Completing the form helps APS identify how many meals to prepare for each location.

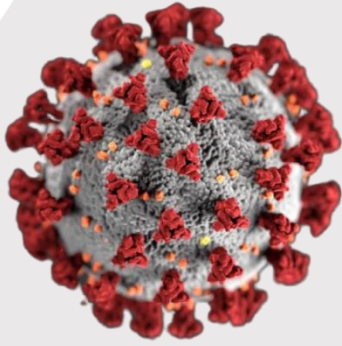
The meal distribution program ends on June 19.

Emergency Funds Available to Edmonds School District Students Enrolled at Edmonds College

Edmonds School District students enrolled in an Edmonds College class or program may be eligible for emergency financial assistance.

The [Student Emergency Assistance Grants](#) provide funding and connect students enrolled in programs such as College in High School, Running Start, ESL, or GED.

The Edmonds College Foundation [Emergency Assistance Program](#) offers grants of up to \$500 for students enrolled in spring quarter. Qualifying low-



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EDMONDS HISTORICAL MUSEUM SEEKS TO SURVEY THE COMMUNITY

Businesses and individuals in Edmonds and South Snohomish County are asked to complete the survey to capture COVID-19 experiences.

REGIONAL BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY OPEN UNTIL MAY 21

Businesses owners, nonprofits, and independent workers in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties are asked to complete the Puget Sound COVID-19 Business Impact Survey. Link at right.

WHITMAN COUNTY APPROVED TO MOVE TO PHASE 2 OF SAFE START PLAN

Whitman County joins eight other counties that have received a variance to move to Phase 2.

GOV. INSLEE ISSUES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION IN PHASES 1 AND 2

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance yesterday clarifying Phase 1 outdoor recreation requirements and set for the outdoor recreation guidance for Phase 2. Links to the guidance at right.

DOH LONG TERM CARE FACILITY (LTCF) REPORTING UPDATE

Yesterday, Washington State Department of Health provided an updated on COVID-19 cases in long-term care facilities. Information at right.

income students pursuing technical education may be eligible for free or reduced tuition through one of several [Workforce Funding](#) programs.

Edmonds Historical Museum Seeks to Survey the Community

The Edmonds Historical Museum is beginning a three-phase initiative to capture the experiences of Edmonds and South Snohomish County people during COVID-19. The museum is committed to documenting how COVID-19 has, and is, affecting residents, at home, and in the workplace.

Businesses and individuals can complete the survey [here](#).

When it is safe to do so, the museum will focus on phase two and three of the initiative, collecting documents, images, and objects that will tell the story of the pandemic and its effect on the community for future reference.

Regional Business Impact Survey Open Until May 21

The economic impact related to COVID-19 has been felt throughout the greater Seattle region. Nearly 5,000 businesses responded to round one of the Puget Sound COVID-19 Business Impact Survey. [Round two is now open](#). As with round one, please share this survey with business owners, nonprofits, and independent workers within your communities. The survey will be open until May 21. A third and final survey is planned for early June.

Whitman County Approved to Move to Phase Two of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start Plan

Today Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman approved the variance application for Whitman County to move into Phase 2 of Gov. Jay Inslee's [Safe Start plan](#). This brings the total to 9 counties.

Gov. Inslee Issues Additional Guidance for Outdoor Recreation in Phase 1 and Phase 2

Gov. Jay Inslee has issued guidance clarifying Phase 1 outdoor recreation requirements, and set forth outdoor recreation guidance for Phase 2.

The guidelines build on the original [outdoor recreation requirements](#) released on April 27. For counties granted variance to move to Phase 2, additional recreational activities may resume effective May 14.

Guidance documents:

- Memo: [Outdoor Recreation, Phase 1 Clarifications and Phase 2 Requirements](#)
- [Phase 1 and Phase 2 Outdoor Recreation Guidance](#)

[Full list of guidance for all current businesses.](#)

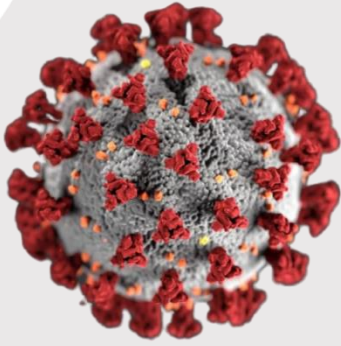
DOH Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) Reporting Update

Statewide a total of 3,214 COVID-19 cases (19% of total cases) and 587 deaths (61% of total deaths) were identified as of May 9 as associated with a long term care facility, including nursing home, assisted living facility or adult family home. These cases may include residents as well as employees and visitors. Department of Health (DOH) has limited ability to distinguish amongst them.

These numbers have been identified using several sources of information including interviews with patients, medical record review and cross-matching address information.

DOH cannot say for certain that all of these cases were exposed at a LTCF. Many cases visited multiple places during their exposure period, and some individuals may have visited a LTCF after disease onset.

DOH is working to improve this information going forward.



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WEEKLY FOOD SECURITY REPORT FROM WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Washington State Department of Agriculture distributed 1.4 million pounds of food to serve an estimated 171,000 weekly clients. Information at right.

USING TELEHEALTH TO STAY HEALTHY

Receive healthcare over the computer or phone by using telehealth. Details on how it works at right.

GRANT AVAILABLE FOR CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Details on the open grant opportunity for nonprofit cultural organizations that provide humanities programming are at right. Funding of the grant comes from the federal CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Weekly Food Security Report from Washington State Department of Agriculture

This week, Washington State Department of Agriculture's (WSDA) Food Assistance program distributed 1.4 million pounds of food to serve an estimated 171,000 weekly clients. In addition, more than 60 foodbanks across the state continued to receive support from the Washington National Guard, which helped box more than 3 million pounds of food and assembled nearly 64,000 meals this week.

Using Telehealth to Stay Healthy

Physical distancing has taught us how to do so much of our daily lives online! We're learning how to grocery shop, do our jobs, go to school, hang out with friends and family, all without leaving our favorite screen. It's about time we learn how to get our health care over the computer too. Telehealth is any use of electronic communications to get health care when you and the doctor aren't in the same place at the same time. If you have a phone or a device with the internet, you already have everything you need to do telehealth! For more information visit the Department of Health [website](#).

If you or someone you know has recently lost or will be losing health insurance coverage, download the mobile app, WAPlanfinder, or visit wahealthplanfinder.org to browse health insurance options and get covered. [Apple Health](#) enrollment is open year-round.

Grant Available for Cultural Organizations

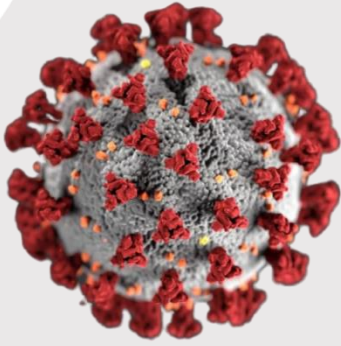
Humanities Washington is accepting applications for [CARES Act Humanities Relief Grants](#). These grants will support Washington State nonprofit cultural organizations that provide humanities programming, and that are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus. The grants are funded by the CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- Award size: \$2,500 to \$5,000. No matching required.
- Purpose: General operating expenses or specific projects.
- Application length: We anticipate it will take organizations less than 30 minutes to complete.
- Application review: Weekly by a panel of independent reviewers from across the state.
- Deadlines: Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis between April 15 and May 31. Applications may be submitted at any time during that period.
- Notification timeline: Applicants will be notified of the status of their application within 10 business days of submission.
- Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations registered in Washington, including those affiliated with tribal organizations.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 15, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,767





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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**.

Probable	299
Deceased	126

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	115 (96 recovered)
Bothell*	200 (151 recovered)
Brier	19 (17 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	315 (238 recovered)
Everett	884 (632 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	24 (20 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	116 (97 recovered)
Lynnwood	590 (428 recovered)
Marysville	234 (176 recovered)
Mill Creek	48 (40 recovered)
Monroe	77 (61 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	100 (82 recovered)
Mukilteo	54 (52 recovered)
Snohomish	140 (120 recovered)
Stanwood	94 (76 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	19 (12 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 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.