

# COVID-19

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY LAUNCHES DAILY HEALTH SCREENING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IN COUNTY BUILDINGS**

All county employees are now required to complete a daily health-screening questionnaire designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

## **COVID-19 QUARANTINE CENTER MOVING TO FAIRGROUNDS**

The COVID-19 isolation and quarantine center in Everett is moving to the county-owned Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. The center will be relocated June 25-26.

## **NO MEAL SERVICE AT ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ON JUNE 18**

Due to the filming of Arlington High School Graduation, there will be no meal service on Thursday, June 18. Meals will be available at Pioneer Elementary School.

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING**

### **Snohomish County Launches Daily Health Screening Requirements for All Employees in County Buildings**

Beginning Thursday, June 18, every employee reporting to work at the Snohomish County campus, a satellite facility, or alternate on-site work assignment will be required to electronically complete a health screening questionnaire consisting of two questions:

1. Are you experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell that you CANNOT attribute to another health condition?  
**Response: YES/NO**
2. In the last fourteen (14) days, have you been within six (6) feet of anyone (including family members) with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19?  
**Response: YES/NO**

Employees who answer yes to either question will be instructed that they cannot return to work without first satisfying public health guidance for isolation or testing protocols. The measures are designed to limit the risk of spreading infection.

Employees who are teleworking, or otherwise not scheduled to work due to vacation or leave, are not required to complete the health screening questionnaire.

### **County's COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Center to Move from Everett Arena to Evergreen State Fairgrounds**

The COVID-19 isolation and quarantine center now located at the arena in Everett is scheduled to move June 25-26 to the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. Snohomish County owns and operates the fairgrounds.

In a June 5 letter to Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, County Executive Dave Somers said, "While we are grateful for the partnership and support of the Angel of the Winds Arena, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds provides us a place to provide isolation and quarantine as effectively, at less cost, and without disrupting the normal operations of the arena."

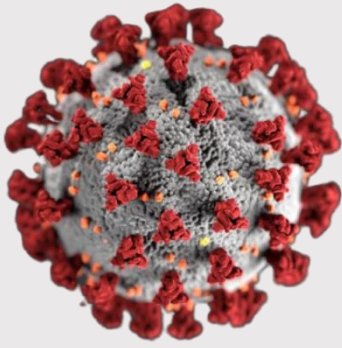
The County intends to have security, medical, and support staff at the Fairgrounds, as was the case at the Everett location.

More than \$1 million has been spent on the isolation and quarantine facility so far. A \$1.3 million grant from the state has paid for part of the cost of the facility. The County Council has also allocated federal CARES Act funding. In addition, the county plans to seek more reimbursement from the federal government for the cost.

[Read the Herald news article.](#)

### **No Meal Service at Arlington High School June 18**

Due to the filming of the Arlington High School Graduation on the campus of the high school on Thursday, June 18, there will be no meal service at Arlington High School that day. Meals will be available for all children at Pioneer Elementary School (8213 Eaglefield Drive, Arlington) from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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## LAKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM DETAILS ANNOUNCED

Lakewood School District has announced its summer meal program details.

## \$10,000 GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SMALL LYNNWOOD BUSINESSES

The Lynnwood City Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$500,000 of the City's federal CARES Act funding to be put toward a business relief program. Information and link to application at right.

## Lakewood School District Summer Meal Program Details Announced

Every Monday beginning June 22, all children under the age of 19 are eligible to receive meals. We will be delivering bags of meals for the week every Monday to each of the sites at the designated times. The last date of delivery will be August 24.

Sites:

- Carrol's Creek 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- Lake Ki parking lot 9:15 am – 9:45 am
- Lake Ki Resort 11:25 am – 11:45 am
- Lake Goodwin Community Club 9:50 am – 11:20 am
- Lakewood High School 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Maple Leaf Apartments 9:10 am – 9:55 am
- Smokey Point Community Church 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- The Lodge Apartments 9:05 am – 9:30 am
- The Villas at Lakewood 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Twin Lakes Landing 9:10 am – 9:40 am

## \$10,000 Grants Available to Small Lynnwood Businesses

On Monday, June 8, the Lynnwood City Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$500,000 of the City's federal CARES Act funding to be put toward a business relief program to provide economic support to our local small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

**Eligible Businesses:** In order to be eligible for the City of Lynnwood Small Business Relief Grant, the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- Physical (brick and mortar) location in the City of Lynnwood
- Been in operation and licensed with the City of Lynnwood since May 31, 2019
- Have a current City of Lynnwood Business License
- 10 or less employees, including the owner
- Demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenues due to COVID-19

**Eligible Expenses:**

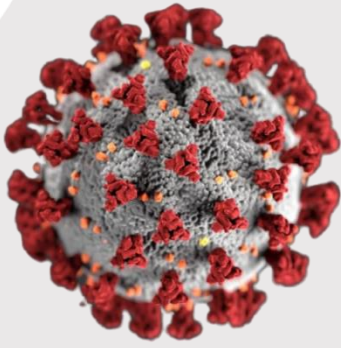
- Retaining and/or supporting employees, payroll and benefits
- Restoring financial resiliency
- Business rent or mortgage payments
- Addressing temporary COVID-19 related restrictions on business activity
- Increasing technology capacity to enable alternative work forms or service delivery
- Creating new marketing campaigns
- Revising business plans
- Paying vendor invoices
- Facility cleaning/restoration

**Application:**

The application is available now and must be submitted online by June 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. No applications will be accepted after this deadline. For more information or to apply online visit

[www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SmallBusinessGrant](http://www.LynnwoodWA.gov/SmallBusinessGrant).

For more COVID-19 business resources, visit [LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19BusinessResource](http://LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19BusinessResource)



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## **LYNNWOOD ALLOWS TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING**

The City of Lynnwood has announced restaurants can now have new and expanded temporary outdoor dining areas, provided specific requirements are met. Details at right.

## **MOUNTLAKE TERRACE APPROVES PLAN FOR \$420,000 IN RELIEF**

The Mountlake Terrace City Council has unanimously approved a plan to direct \$420,000 in federal funding to help residents and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **INSLEE CANCELS SOME STATE EMPLOYEE RAISES, ORDERS FURLONGHS**

Gov. Jay Inslee has directed state agencies under his authority to cancel a scheduled 3% general wage increase for many of the state's highest paid general government employees and to begin furloughs for most state employees.

## **Lynnwood Now Allowing Temporary Outdoor Dining**

The City of Lynnwood is excited to announce a new opportunity for restaurants during Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Governor's "Safe Start – Stay Healthy" plan.

Restaurants can now have new and expanded temporary outdoor dining areas, provided they meet specific requirements. Restaurants that meet the [Temporary Outdoor Dining Area Requirements](#) must register with the city prior to operating temporary outdoor dining areas. Registration is free and instantaneous!

To learn more about temporary outdoor dining requirements and to register your restaurant visit [lynnwoodwa.gov/temporary-dining](http://lynnwoodwa.gov/temporary-dining).

## **Mountlake Terrace Approves Directing \$420,000 In Federal Coronavirus Relief To Residents, Businesses**

The Mountlake Terrace City Council at its June 15 meeting unanimously approved moving forward with plans for directing approximately \$420,000 in federal funding to help residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the council's approved proposal, relief efforts will be directed toward three areas it had previously identified for helping local residents and businesses — safety, assistance, and the economy — plus specific ideas in each of those areas to support constituents' needs.

To address public safety in an equitable manner, the plan proposed that the city distribute personal protective equipment kits — including face masks and cleaning supplies — to every household and business. Costs for this program have not been finalized and would be dependent on the city's ability to both acquire and distribute the provisions.

For more information tune into the [recording](#) of MLT City Council's meeting and read the [article](#).

## **Inslee Announces Cancellation of Some State Employee Raises and Need for Furloughs**

With the state facing a severe downturn in revenue collections, Gov. Jay Inslee today directed state agencies under his authority to cancel a scheduled 3% general wage increase for many of the state's highest-paid general government employees and to begin furloughs for most state employees.

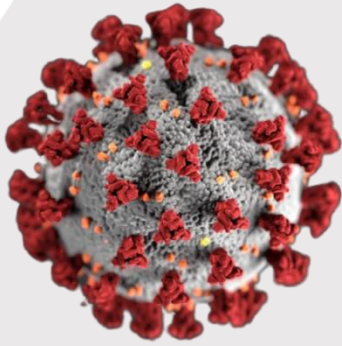
Most state employees are scheduled to receive the general wage increase July 1 as approved by the Legislature last year. But under Inslee's directive, cabinet agencies will cancel the pay raise for agency directors, Exempt Management Service and Washington Management Service employees, and all other exempt employees who earn more than \$53,000 annually.

The canceled pay raise will affect nearly 5,600 general government employees. Other union-represented and non-represented classified employees will still get the general wage increase.

In addition to cancelling pay raises, starting no later than June 28, more than 40,000 state employees will be required to take one furlough day per week through July 25. After July, employees will be required to take one furlough day per month at least through the fall.

Employees will also be allowed to take voluntary unpaid furloughs.

The two actions — cancelling the general wage increase and instituting furloughs through November — together will save the state Near General



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## **INSLEE EXTENDS PROCLAMATION RELATED TO COVID-19**

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of a proclamation related to protection orders and personal service until July 1.

## **NEW DOH BLOG POST: LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

The Washington State Department of Health has published a new blog post on long-term care facilities and COVID-19. [Link at right.](#)

## **IRS ALERT: ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS BELONG TO RECIPIENT, NOT NURSING HOMES OR CARE FACILITIES**

The IRS reminds nursing homes or other similar care facilities that Economic Impact Payments generally belong to the recipients, not the organizations providing the care.

Fund about \$55 million over the next year, according to preliminary estimates. The governor urged other agencies not under his authority — including higher education institutions, the Legislature, courts and separately elected officials — to adopt similar measures. If they do, the state would save another estimated \$91 million.

Today's directive comes on top of earlier actions by the governor and his budget office to begin reducing spending wherever possible in the current two-year budget. Last month, [the governor directed cabinet agencies to freeze hiring, personal services contracts and equipment purchases](#). Meanwhile, OFM directed agencies to identify [options to reduce fiscal year 2021 spending](#) by about 15%.

[Read the full news release.](#)

## **Inslee Extends Proclamation Related to COVID-19**

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of one [proclamation](#) in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

A June 15 [letter](#) from the Legislature extends proclamation [20-45](#), related to protection orders and personal service, until July 1.

### **Protection Orders and Personal Service Extension**

[The original proclamation](#) provided flexibility and relief to courts by removing certain statutory hearing deadlines and service of process requirements as it relates to protection orders, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, extreme risk and other similar orders, to ensure access to justice for victims. It also retains the requirement that law enforcement serve such orders when a court orders the seizure of firearms and encourages the use of electronic service and remote hearings, in furtherance and support of the state Supreme Court's recent order.

Read the full proclamation [here](#).

## **New DOH Blog Post: Long-Term Care Facilities**

People living in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities are often the very people who are at highest risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 — older adults and people with underlying chronic health conditions. Since people live together in close proximity in a nursing home, it can be easy for COVID-19 to spread from person to person in that environment. COVID-19 most likely gets introduced to nursing homes when someone who works or volunteers there has COVID-19, but doesn't have any symptoms yet.

[Read the full blog post.](#)

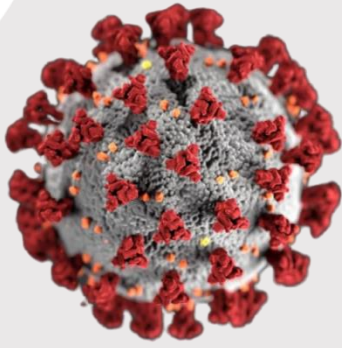
## **IRS Alert: Economic Impact Payments Belong to Recipient, Not Nursing Homes or Care Facilities**

The Internal Revenue Service has alerted nursing homes and other care facilities that Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) generally belong to the recipients, not the organizations providing the care.

The IRS issued this reminder following concerns that people and businesses may be taking advantage of vulnerable populations who received the Economic Impact Payments.

The payments are intended for the recipients, even if a nursing home or other facility or provider receives the person's payment, either directly or indirectly by direct deposit or check. These payments do not count as a resource for purposes of determining eligibility for Medicaid and other federal programs for a period of 12 months from receipt. They also do not count as income in determining eligibility for these programs.





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## **IRS OUTLINES CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE SPENDING AVAILABLE UNDER CARES ACT**

New rules under the CARES Act provide flexibility for health care spending that may be helpful where more people may need at-home services due to measures to fight COVID-19.

## **BOTHELL CLOSING OFFICES ALTERNATING FRIDAYS FOR FULOUGH DAYS**

The City of Bothell plans to close its offices alternating Fridays starting June 26 for furloughs to help close a \$5.4 million budget shortfall.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued [FAQs](#) on this issue, including how representative payees should handle administering the payments for the recipient.

[Read the full news release.](#)

## **IRS Outlines Changes to Health Care Spending Available Under CARES Act**

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that new rules under the CARES Act provide flexibility for health care spending that may be helpful in the current environment where more people may need at-home services due to measures to fight the coronavirus.

### **Telehealth and High Deductible Health Plans**

Under the CARES Act, a high deductible health plan (HDHP) temporarily can cover telehealth and other remote care services without a deductible, or with a deductible below the minimum annual deductible otherwise required by law. Telehealth and other remote care services also are temporarily included as categories of coverage that are disregarded for the purpose of determining whether an individual who has other health plan coverage in addition to an HDHP is an eligible individual who may make tax-favored contributions to his or her HSA.

### **Expansion of Qualified Medical Expenses**

The CARES Act also modifies the rules that apply to various tax-advantaged accounts (HSAs, Archer MSAs, Health FSAs, and HRAs) so that additional items are "qualified medical expenses" that may be reimbursed from those accounts. Specifically, the cost of menstrual care products is now reimbursable. In addition, over-the-counter products and medications are now reimbursable without a prescription.

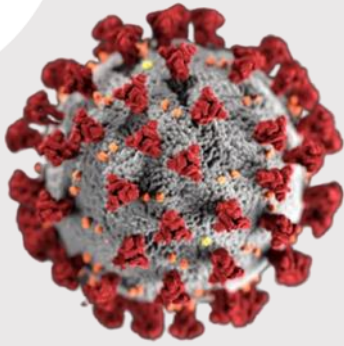
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## **Bothell Offices To Close Every Other Friday For Furlough Days**

To address a forecasted budget shortfall of \$5.4 M in 2020 resulting from COVID-19 and to continue savings into 2021-22, the City of Bothell had to make the very difficult decision to layoff and furlough employees. Non-public safety city employees will be furloughed for 14 work days between now and the end of the year. The schedule of furlough days can be found at [bothellwa.gov/calendar](http://bothellwa.gov/calendar).

The next furlough day is June 26th. Police and Fire operations are not impacted. Please note, the City of Bothell has had to go from two general Customer Service representatives to just one, so their response time to serve customers from the lobby at City Hall may require more patience.

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



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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](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

### 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 COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
- [Phases and Risk Assessment Dashboard](#)
- [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**.

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 17, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 6/17/20
Confirmed	3,198
Probable	444
Deceased	158

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 6/17/20
Arlington	131 (124 recovered)
Bothell*	223 (207 recovered)
Brier	23 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	367 (315 recovered)
Everett	1,076 (894 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	30 (27 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	132 (120 recovered)
Lynnwood	677 (601 recovered)
Marysville	293 (231 recovered)
Mill Creek	59 (50 recovered)
Monroe	94 (79 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	120 (109 recovered)
Mukilteo	68 (61 recovered)
Snohomish	170 (152 recovered)
Stanwood	116 (94 recovered)
Sultan	9 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	25 (22 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.