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Tuesday, June 23, 2020

INSLEE, WIESMAN ANNOUNCE MANDATORY USE OF FACIAL COVERINGS STATEWIDE EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, JUNE 26

The wearing of face coverings will be mandatory statewide, effective June 26.

'CONCERNING' INCREASE IN COVID-19 CASES

Today's virtual media briefing provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19, including what was described as a "concerning" increase in COVID-19 cases. The increase in cases is a reason for caution as the county looks toward a potential Phase 3 application.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Gov. Inslee, Secretary Wiesman Announce Mandatory Use of Facial Coverings Statewide Effective Friday, June 26

In a press conference today, Gov. Jay Inslee and Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced an [order](#) that mandates the use of cloth face coverings in most public areas. The order takes effect June 26.

Effective Friday, the Washington State Department of Health requires you to wear a cloth face covering in public when you cannot stay six feet (or two meters) away from others. You must wear a face covering in indoor public settings except when you eat, and outdoors when you cannot stay six feet away from others at all times. You do not need to wear a cloth face covering in your home when you are only with people in your household, or when you are alone in your car. You do not need to wear one when you exercise outdoors with plenty of space.

Some people should not wear cloth face coverings:

- Children under two years of age
- People who have disabilities that:
 - Prevent them from comfortably wearing or taking off face coverings
 - Prevent them from communicating while wearing face coverings
- People who have respiratory conditions or breathing trouble
- People who have been told by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional not to wear face coverings

Violations of the facial covering directive will be a misdemeanor.

Further, Gov. Inslee announced he will require all Yakima businesses to require customers to wear facial coverings to gain entry to the business.

More information at www.doh.wa.gov/masks.

Watch the full press conference [here](#).

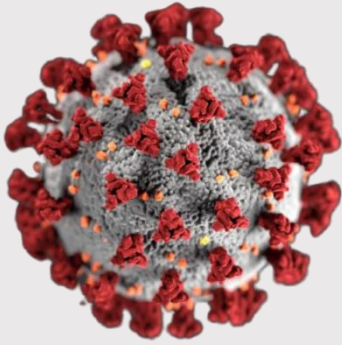
'Concerning' Increase in Local COVID-19 Cases

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District for a virtual media briefing on Tuesday. They provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19, including what was described as "a concerning" increase in COVID-19 cases.

There were 75 new cases reported to the Health District on Monday. That's the largest single-day total since April 9, when there were 92 cases reported. Case investigation is ongoing to determine when each of those 75 people were tested, when they first developed symptoms, who their contacts were, and additional information to help health officials better understand the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Friday marks three weeks since the county received state permission to enter Phase 2. It is earliest the county could apply for Phase 3.

Executive Somers and Dr. Spitters described the new cases as a "yellow light" and a reason for caution as the county looks toward a potential Phase 3 application. More data is needed in the coming days and will be analyzed later this week.



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COMMUNITY TRANSIT RE-OPENS RIDESTORE AS FARES RESUME AND BUS SERVICE INCREASES

Community Transit has reopened the RideStore customer service center at Lynnwood Transit Center and will add about 200 bus trips on July 6 to meet an expected increase in ridership demand.

VIDEO: EDMONDS SCHOOLS SWITCHING TO FULL WEEK'S MEALS

Starting June 29, Edmonds School District will switch to providing a week's worth of meal kits at 14 sites in addition to having four locations serving meals Monday through Thursday.

MARYSVILLE PLANS LIVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY JULY 4 THAT RESIDENTS CAN VIEW FROM HOME

The City of Marysville will have live fireworks that can be safely viewed by more residents from their backyards or public areas. The City is also offering a number of activities and contests over the next two weeks.

"We may not be proceeding at maximum velocity toward Phase 3," Spitters said. "But time will tell in the next few days as we sort through what's going on and also get additional days of data to see if this was just an aberration, or is this a trend."

The County and Health District have started work on preparing an application for Phase 3. More data is needed to complete it.

"We know what the metrics are. Luckily, the State's been pretty clear on that," Somers said. "So as the numbers come in from last week and this week, we'll be looking to see if we think we are even close to the criteria that the state has set, and we'll be discussing that with the State and back and forth between the County and the Health District."

More information is expected to be available later this week.

The video is available at: https://youtu.be/mSjIEccxx_o

Or read the transcript:

<https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/4306>

Community Transit Re-Opens RideStore as Fares Resume and Bus Service Increases

Community Transit will add about 200 bus trips on July 6 to meet an expected increase in ridership demand. The agency is also resuming fare collection on July 1. On Monday, the RideStore customer service center at Lynnwood Transit Center reopened to help people plan their transit trips and purchase or reload ORCA fare cards.

The RideStore is now open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for general information, trip planning, ORCA card purchases and reloads, as well as lost & found.

Full details: <https://bit.ly/2B1SCRk>

Video: Edmonds Schools Switching to Full Week's Meals

Starting June 29, Edmonds School District Food and Nutrition Services will be switching to providing a week's worth of meal kits at 14 sites. The district also will have four locations serving meals Monday through Thursday.

Video: <https://bit.ly/3dq6Eco>

Details: <https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/>

Marysville Plans Live Fireworks Display July 4 that Residents Can View from Home

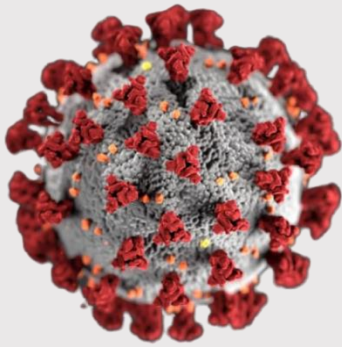
The City of Marysville is delighted to announce that a live fireworks display will be back to light up the night sky on the 4th of July. The city moved the location to the south end of town for a higher aerial show that can be safely viewed by more residents from their backyards or public areas. The fireworks show will begin at dusk (approximately 10 p.m.) Tune into 101.1 KXA Radio for a fabulous synchronized music show to accompany the fireworks.

In these next two weeks leading up to the holiday, you're invited to join the city's virtual celebration fun! Videos, activities and contests include:

Photo Contest

Submit your photo on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter with **#msvl4thcontest** by noon Monday, July 6. Winners will be announced later that week and receive a prize.

- Patriotic pet (dress up Fido or Fluffy in a patriotic costume)



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SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES NOW OFFERING CONTACT-FREE SERVICES

Contact-free pickup of books and other physical materials is now available at all 23 Sno-Isle Libraries community libraries.

ALL IN WASHINGTON CONCERT FOR COVID-19 RELIEF, JUNE 24 AT 7 P.M.

All In Washington has scheduled a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 to raise money for workers and families impacted by COVID-19.

- Here's looking at you, Marysville (family photos with American spirit)
- It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood (decorate your yard in red, white and blue)
- Nailed it (re-create a 4th of July cake created by Simply Caketastic)

Miles for Marysville

In this fitness challenge, track how many miles you walk, bike or run and submit them online. Post participate selfies using the #milesformarysville hashtag. Contest deadline is noon Monday, July 6.

Crafts

- 4th of July planter with Sunnyside Nursery
- Painted Mason jars
- Patriotic tin can clangers

Food

- Barbecue tips from Jeff's Texas Style BBQ
- Sides and salad with Bleacher's Grill at Cedarcrest Golf Course
- Desserts from Village Taphouse & Grill

Music

- 4th of July music with The EveryLeaf Band



For more information, visit <https://www.marysvillewa.gov/1009/Marysville-4th-of-July>.

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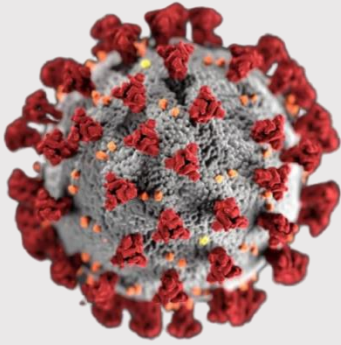
Contact-free pickup is now available at all 23 Sno-Isle Libraries community libraries across Snohomish and Island counties.

Library customers can go to www.sno-isle.org, browse the collection and place holds on books and other physical materials. Customers will receive an automated email and/or phone call when their requested items are ready for contact-free pick up during operating hours at their community library.

Read the blog post for [full details](#).

All In WA Concert for COVID-19 Relief, June 24 at 7 P.M.

All In Washington has scheduled a concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 to raise money for workers and families impacted by COVID-19. Here are details:



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DOH RELEASES AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) SAFE START GUIDANCE VIDEOS

Safe Start guidance videos are now available in American Sign Language.

STATE OFFERS DATA, GUIDANCE FOR RETURNING TO WORK DURING COVID-19

A new blog from DOH provides data and guidance for returning to work during COVID-19. [Link at right.](#)

"All In WA hopes to help all Washingtonians find a way to give back. You can support the All In WA fund, created to fill the gaps in funding across the state and governed by an advisory board you can see [here](#). You can also support a [Cause Fund](#), focused on issues of most need, or donate to a [Community Fund](#) near you to support a place you love, or use our [PowerOf](#) tool.

"Please donate today and join us in celebrating the strength of this state by tuning in to All In WA: A Concert for COVID-19 Relief by Presenting Sponsor Amazon, a virtual event to bring attention to our state's needs and resilience. This concert will be broadcast live [here](#) and on Twitch, KREM, KING 5, KONG, and KSKN."



All In WA: A Concert for COVID-19 Relief will raise funds for Washington workers and families who have been most impacted by the pandemic. Join homegrown talent [@PearlJam](#), [@Macklemore](#), [@DangeRussWilson](#), [@Ciara](#), and more for the livestream. [#allinWA](#)



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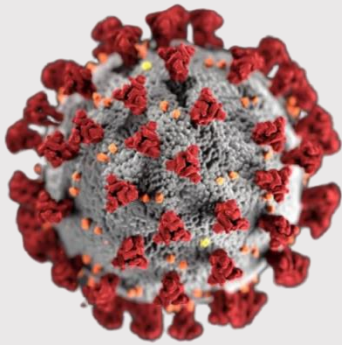
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DOH Releases American Sign Language (ASL) Safe Start Guidance Videos

The state Department of Health has released more than 20 minutes of videos featuring American Sign Language to help explain guidance during the COVID-19 crisis in Washington. The [videos](#), which can be found on the [DOH's ASL landing page](#), contain guidance for the [Safe Start plan](#), each separate re-opening phase, and requirements for [individuals](#), [businesses](#), and [employers](#). You can find more information [here](#).

State Offers Data, Guidance for Returning to Work During COVID-19

As we reopen more businesses throughout the state, more of us are going back to work. As we do, you may have some questions about work and COVID-19. We did. So we worked with our friends at the Department of Labor & Industries to explore what types of occupations and industries people who were diagnosed with COVID-19 in Washington worked in. You can see what we found in [this report](#).



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WIAA ANNOUNCES GUIDELINES FOR FALL PREP SPORTS

Yesterday, WIAA announced guidelines for “opening up” high school athletics and activities across the state of Washington. See links at right.

FDA ADVISES CONSUMERS TO AVOID HAND SANITIZER CONTAINING WOOD ALCOHOL

The FDA is advising consumers to avoid hand sanitizer containing methanol (wood alcohol). Wood alcohol can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested.

The highest number of COVID-19 cases in Washington is among people who work in health care and social assistance. The manufacturing industry has the second highest number of cases. This includes traditional manufacturing businesses as well as food processing facilities. It's important to note that while the risk for contracting COVID-19 may be higher for people depending on their industry or occupation, this report reflects where people work, not where or how they were infected.

Full blog post: <https://bit.ly/2Z4c3kf>

WIAA Announces Guidelines for Fall Prep Sports

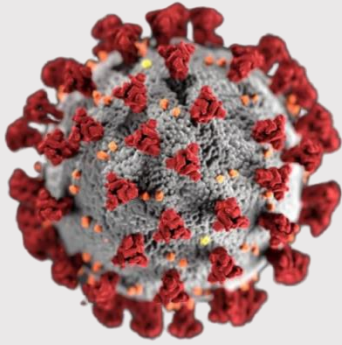
The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) in partnership with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and WIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committees has provided guidance on how WIAA member schools can “open up” high school athletics and activities across the state of Washington. The document provides guidelines for school athletics and activities for each of the 4 phases in the Safe Start Washington plan. The WIAA recommends school districts consult with local and state health departments to review if they are using guidance from this approach to verify how the stages in the document correspond to Governor Inslee's directives for each school and school district's specific area.

[Read more here.](#)

FDA Advises Consumers to Avoid Hand Sanitizer Containing Wood Alcohol

The U.S. Food & Drug Administration is advising consumers to not use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol (wood alcohol), a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested. The FDA [warning covers nine brands.](#)

“FDA reminds consumers to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose. If soap and water are not readily available, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) recommend consumers use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent ethanol.”



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are 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](#)
- [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 23, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:40 p.m.
Confirmed	3,356
Probable	458
Deaths	164

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:40 p.m.
Arlington	136 (125 recovered)
Bothell*	242 (208 recovered)
Brier	23 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	376 (322 recovered)
Everett	1,148 (916 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	30 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	135 (121 recovered)
Lynnwood	690 (615 recovered)
Marysville	328 (233 recovered)
Mill Creek	59 (50 recovered)
Monroe	96 (82 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	121 (110 recovered)
Mukilteo	70 (65 recovered)
Snohomish	176 (155 recovered)
Stanwood	121 (97 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.