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Tuesday, July 7, 2020

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Health District Relying on Employers to Play Critical Role in COVID-19 Response

As new COVID-19 cases continue to increase in Snohomish County, the Snohomish Health District encourages all employers to review local and state requirements for re-opening. This includes the need to create a Safe Start plan according to sector guidelines, identify a COVID site supervisor for each location, and understand what is expected if one or more employees test positive for COVID-19.

The health district on Tuesday offered detailed guidance on Safe Start plans; the need to identify COVID-19 site supervisors; what to do if contacted regarding staff or visitors testing positive for coronavirus exposure; and new rules that require businesses to require face cover wearing for most patrons.

For more information, including access to forms and resources, please read the [press release](#).

Cases Continue to Climb in Snohomish County

New cases of COVID-19 continue to increase in Snohomish County. Between Friday, July 3, and Monday, July 6, 200 new cases were reported. The rolling two-week case rate – one of the metrics the state evaluates as part of the Safe Start plan for reopening – **is up to 53 cases per 100,000 residents**. This is well over double the rate from about a month ago, when the county was approved to move to Phase 2.

A higher proportion of cases are being identified among a younger age group (age 20-40) compared to earlier in the outbreak, when most identified cases were among older adults. Local hospital capacity remains adequate at this time, but increased rates of infection could lead to increased hospitalizations, said Dr. Chris Spitters, Snohomish Health District health officer. Young people who become ill may spread the illness to others who are more vulnerable to severe complications, and some young people can become seriously ill, too.

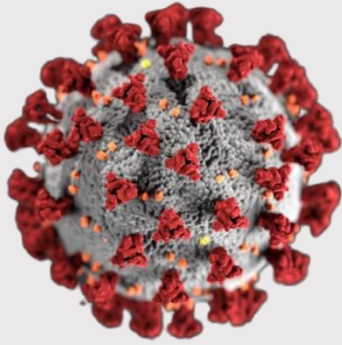
"I think we're going to need better performance by all of us on a variety of measures in order to try to keep this virus at bay and avoid that crisis that we faced back in March and April when the hospitals were filling up with people who got sick from this," Spitters said. "It's just a numbers game. Once you get enough cases you're going to start getting people who need hospitalization."

Dr. Spitters and Environmental Health Director Ragina Gray provided updates during a virtual media briefing Tuesday morning. Gray spoke about what employers should know and prepare for in case there is a positive case at their workplace. The video and transcript are available at www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information.

Looking for a Face Cover? Here Are Some Options

An interactive map showing distribution locations for free face covers has been added to the [Snohomish County Coronavirus Response & Community Resource Hub](#).

The map contains confirmed information about locations where people may obtain free face covers in the county. Most are being shared through area food banks, local cities and during special distribution events.



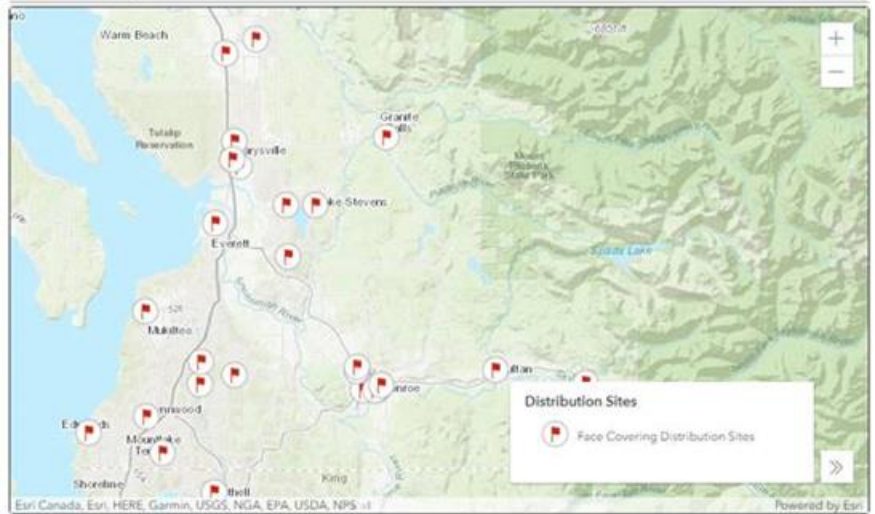
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LOCAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2020

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Operating hours and locations are subject to change, so check ahead before you go.

Face Covering Distribution Sites



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EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL IMPACT DUE TO COVID-19?

NEED RENTAL ASSISTANCE?

LET'S CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR

Coronavirus Relief Prevention Program



This program serves: 

Snohomish County Households who are unable to pay rent to their Landlords
And
Lost primary source of income due to a job loss related to COVID-19

Qualified households will be able to receive:

- Up to 3 month of rent assistance, including rental arrears
- Relocation to another unit if the current one is no longer affordable

And
The Household has a member who is 65 or older
Or
The Household has a member who has underlying medical condition

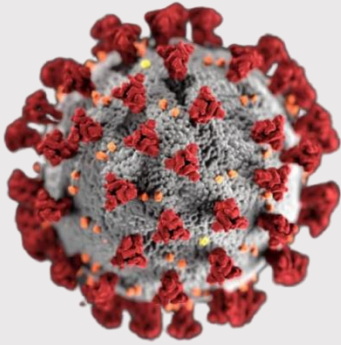
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Please call 211 to complete the eligibility screening

- No requirement for Coordinated Entry/Eligibility Management Information System
- No income limits for participants

Funds made available through Snohomish County with Federal CARES Act Funding





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EDMONDS SCHOOLS SEEKS SUMMER MEAL VOLUNTEERS

Edmonds School District is looking for volunteers who can support delivering meals to families who are unable to access food at meal distribution sites.

FACE COVERS NOW REQUIRED IN STORES, OTHER BUSINESSES

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IMPACTO FINANCIERO DEBIDO AL COVID-19?
¿NECESITA ASISTENCIA DE ALQUILER?
VAMOS A COMPROBAR SU ELEGIBILIDAD PARA
Programa de Prevención de Alivio del Coronavirus

Este programa sirve: 
Snohomish County Hogares que no pueden pagar el alquiler a sus propietarios
Y
Pérdida de la fuente primaria de ingresos debido a una pérdida de empleo relacionada con COVID-19
Y
El Hogar tiene un miembro que tiene 65 años o más
O
El Hogar tiene un miembro que tiene una condición médica subyacente

Los hogares calificados podrán recibir:

- Hasta 3 meses de asistencia en el alquiler, incluidos los atrasos en el alquiler
- Reubicación a otra unidad si la actual ya no es asequible

Llame al 211 para completar el examen de elegibilidad

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No hay Requisitos para el Sistema Coordinado de Información de Gestión de Entradas y Permisos sin Hogar
Sin Límites de Ingresos Para los Participantes

Fondos disponibles a través del Condado de Snohomish con Fondos de la Ley Federal CARES

Edmonds Schools Seeks Summer Meal Volunteers

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Face Covers Now Required in Stores, Other Businesses

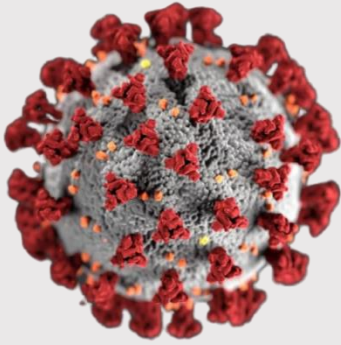
Face coverings are now required statewide in all public spaces in Washington because they are effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19, especially when combined with 6 feet of physical distance. This includes Governor Jay Inslee's new statewide order directing businesses to require and enforce the use of face coverings by all customers or clients. The order went into effect Tuesday.

Face coverings are required of employees, vendors, contractors, customers and visitors in the workplace, unless covered by a medical or other exemption. No individual is required to provide proof or documentation to anyone at any time about their health or medical status, except employers who may request medical documentation if an accommodation is requested by an employee.

The Snohomish Health District on Tuesday published [details and resources](#) regarding the new face-covering rules.

Inslee on Tuesday talked about the mask rules during a televised update on the state's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

You can [watch here](#).



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The grant will help Child Care Aware of Washington (CCAWA) meet the needs of some of the state's 5,432 licensed child care centers. An initial survey revealed that more than half of open centers and 67% of open family child care programs were concerned about access to supplies, finding it impossible to locate, much less afford, basic items they needed to meet sanitation requirements and basic needs.

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

Drive-in WiFi Hotspots Map Now Available

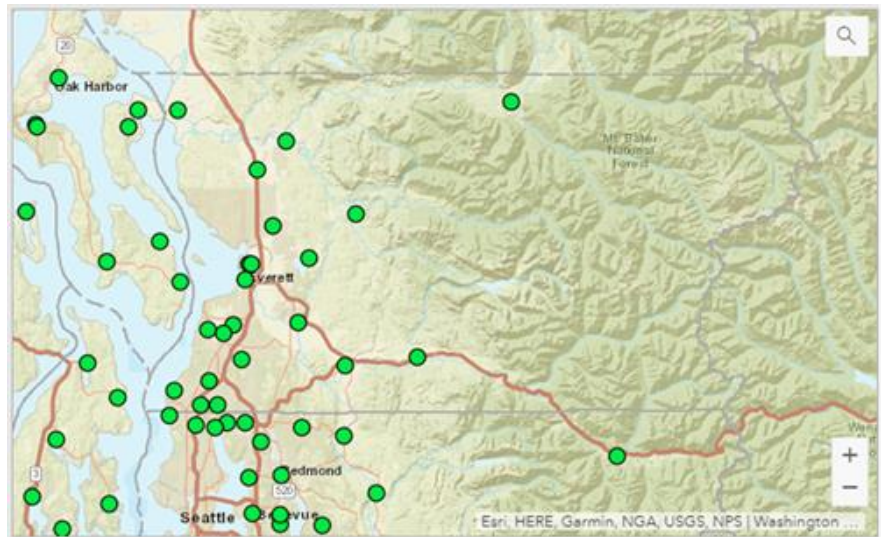
In response to the impacts of COVID-19, Drive-In WiFi Hotspots provide free temporary, emergency internet access for Washingtonians who do not have broadband service to their homes. A [searchable map](#) of locations around Snohomish County and statewide is now available.

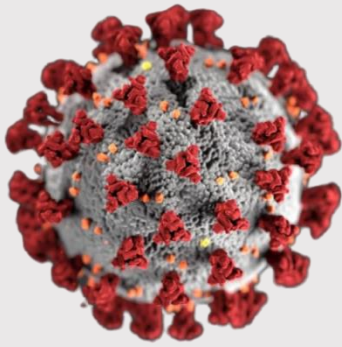
The project places specific emphasis on remote learning for students. Additionally, this service can be used for job searches, telehealth, telework, unemployment filing, and census participation.

The locations listed on this map represent new Drive-In WiFi Hotspot sites located at Washington State University Extension locations, as well as new and existing Washington State Library Drive-In WiFi Hotspots.

Launching primarily as parking lot hotspots in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the free community Wi-Fi is accessible regardless of how users arrive at the locations. Some sites also offer indoor public access during business hours. Everyone using the sites – outside or inside – must practice social distancing and hygiene precautions, including staying in your vehicle or at least six feet from other users and wearing a mask if necessary.

Each hotspot will have its own security protocol. Some will be open and others will have Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) safe security installed.





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IRS REMINDS MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES OF SPECIAL TAX BREAKS, HELPFUL RESOURCES AS THE JULY 15 TAX DEADLINE APPROACHES

If you are a member of the military, please be sure to check out the special tax benefits available to you.

NIH-FUNDED STUDY TO INVESTIGATE PREGNANCY OUTCOMES RESULTING FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The National Institutes of Health has launched a multipronged study to understand the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic during and after pregnancy.

Community Should Inoculate Against Encouraging Stigma During Pandemic, CDC Warns

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is encouraging people to take steps to avoid stigma during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Stigma is discrimination against an identifiable group of people, a place, or a nation," the [CDC says](#). "Stigma is associated with a lack of knowledge about how COVID-19 spreads, a need to blame someone, fears about disease and death, and gossip that spreads rumors and myths."

"No single person or group of people are more likely than others to spread COVID-19. Public health emergencies, such as this pandemic, are stressful times for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can lead to social stigma, which is negative attitudes and beliefs toward people, places, or things."

Community leaders and public health officials can help prevent stigma by:

- Maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of those seeking healthcare and those who may be part of any contact investigation.
- Quickly communicating the risk, or lack of risk, from contact with products, people, and places.
- Correcting negative language that can cause stigma by sharing accurate information about how the virus spreads.
- Speaking out against negative behaviors and statements, including those on social media.
- Making sure that images used in communications show diverse communities and do not reinforce stereotypes.
- Using media channels, including news media and social media, to speak out against stereotyping groups of people who experience stigma because of COVID-19.
- Thanking healthcare workers, responders, and others working on the front lines.
- Suggesting virtual resources for [mental health](#) or other social support services for people who have experienced stigma or discrimination.

Other CDC recommendations for limiting the spread of stigma are [here](#).

IRS Reminds Members of the U.S. Armed Forces of Special Tax Breaks, Helpful Resources as the July 15 Tax Deadline Approaches

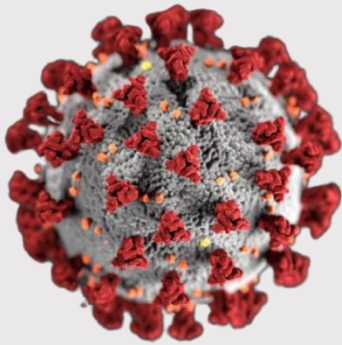
The IRS today encouraged members of the military and their families to learn more about the special tax benefits available to them as the July 15 tax filing season deadline approaches.

[Read the full details here.](#)

NIH-Funded Study to Investigate Pregnancy Outcomes Resulting from COVID-19 Pandemic

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a multipronged study to understand the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic during and after pregnancy.

Researchers will analyze the medical records of up to 21,000 women to evaluate whether changes to healthcare delivery that were implemented as a result of the pandemic have led to higher rates of pregnancy-related complications and cesarean delivery. They also seek to establish the risk of pregnant women with COVID-19 infection transmitting the virus to their



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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**.

fetus. Newborns will be monitored and assessed until they are discharged from the hospital.

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

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

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:15 p.m.
Confirmed	3,808 (up 38 cases from 7/6)
Probable	511 (up 7 from 7/6)
Deaths	176

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:15 p.m.
Arlington	171 (129 recovered)
Bothell*	292 (214 recovered)
Brier	25 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	417 (339 recovered)
Everett	1,274 (967 recovered)
Gold Bar	5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	32 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	180 (127 recovered)
Lynnwood	744 (641 recovered)
Marysville	377 (249 recovered)
Mill Creek	66 (54 recovered)
Monroe	112 (87 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	135 (114 recovered)
Mukilteo	77 (71 recovered)
Snohomish	209 (162 recovered)
Stanwood	135 (104 recovered)
Sultan	11 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	28 (23 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	16 (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.