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Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

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"Washington State is in the early stages of an exponential statewide outbreak that has zero chance of being reversed without changes in our collective behavior. So I urge all of us, regardless of our age or health status, to think of the community at large and follow recommendations for limiting social contacts and gatherings, wearing face coverings in public, and maintaining six feet of distance between ourselves and others. These and the other personal hygiene and COVID prevention messages we've been sending out are effective interventions that are fully within our individual control and duties as members of the community."

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

Or read the transcript at <https://www.snohd.org/DocumentCenter/View/4402>.

Questions about COVID-19 Resources? Check Out Snohomish County's HUB

Snohomish County's [HUB](#) provides maps and links to community resources related to Snohomish County's response to COVID-19.

For more information please visit Snohomish County's [HUB](#).

Looking for COVID-19 related resources and information?

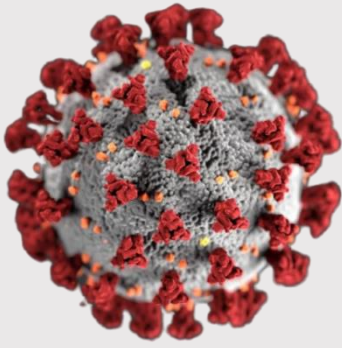
THE HUB

The Hub is a comprehensive source of information gathered from throughout Snohomish County

- Volunteer opportunities
- Business information
- COVID-19 information
- Healthcare locations
- Food bank resources
- Face covering details
- Safe Start updates
- Childcare resources

Visit The Hub at
<https://bit.ly/SnoCoHub>





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BAD NEWS / GOOD NEWS – YAKIMA PROVIDES A GLIMMER OF HOPE

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BOTHELL DISTRIBUTING FREE BUSINESS REOPENING KITS ON THURSDAY

Bothell businesses can pick up Phase 2 reopening kits at Bothell City Hall on Thursday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Bad News/Good News -- Yakima provides a glimmer of hope

A new Washington State Department of Health blog provides an update on Yakima and how changing citizens' behavior has resulted in lower transmission rates. The Yakima Health Department reported recently that 95% of people in Yakima are wearing a face covering in public. And you know what? Yakima County is the only place in the state right now where each person who gets COVID-19 on average spreads it to less than one other person.

Everywhere else in the state is on the path to runaway transmission rates of COVID-19, according to the most recent [statewide situation report](#).

The bad news: The number of people getting COVID-19 every day in Washington is higher now than it has ever been and hospitalization rates are rising throughout the state.

The good news: Changing our behavior makes a difference. Yakima has seen a sharp turnaround in the number of people getting COVID-19 each day now that *nearly everyone* in Yakima County is wearing cloth face coverings and practicing physical distancing.

[Read the full blog here.](#)

Bothell Distributing Free Business Reopening Kits on Thursday

The second round of Phase 2 Reopening Kits for Bothell businesses are being distributed on Thursday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at Bothell City Hall.

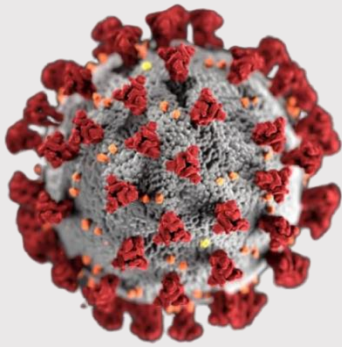
The kits will help minimize the reopening costs of businesses hardest hit by the global pandemic - restaurants, bars, salons, gyms, and retail.

Each Phase 2 Reopening Kit includes:

- 2 gallons of hand sanitizer
- 2 wall-mounted hand sanitizer dispensers
- 40 reusable cloth masks
- Floor decals promoting social distancing
- 1 "We Are Open" banner
- Poster promoting safe practices
- City of Bothell window cling - "We are in this together"

For more information please visit Bothell's [webpage](#).





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COMPASS HEALTH RECEIVES \$1.24 MILLION IN FUNDING TO MEET COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS TIED TO COVID-19

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EDMONDS COLLEGE EXTENDS REMOTE OPERATIONS THROUGH AUGUST 28, POSSIBLY LONGER

Edmonds College will extend its remote operations and continue serving students and the community remotely through at least August 28.

SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES IS CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER THIS SUMMER

Sno-Isle Libraries will be offering Harry Potter themed online programs beginning the week of Monday, July 27. Link at right.

Compass Health Receives \$1.24 Million in Funding to Meet Community Behavioral Health Needs Tied to COVID-19

Compass Health announced it has received more than \$1.24 million in philanthropic donations and federal, state and local grants to support the organization's behavioral health outreach related to COVID-19 response and prevention, including implementation of its telehealth system. The funding will support a range of vital mental health and substance use treatment services across Snohomish, Skagit, Island, San Juan, and Whatcom counties.

Snohomish County designated \$643,000 of its CARES Act funding, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) awarded a \$247,000 [COVID-19 Telehealth Program Grant](#), and private supporters contributed \$355,000 to the behavioral health provider. The funds will enable Compass Health to secure laptops, tablets, smartphones, and network upgrades for client access to [telehealth services](#) and equip [Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams](#) with technology; offer Psychological First Aid training for community members; purchase personal protective equipment (PPE); supply housing, food and groceries for individuals in need; and install touchless faucets, hand dryers and other facility upgrades to help prevent spread of the virus.

For more information please read the [article](#).

Edmonds College Extends Remote Operations Through August 28, Possibly Longer

Edmonds College will extend its remote operations and continue serving students and the community remotely through at least August 28, pending further developments.

Edmonds College is still in Phase 2 of the Higher Education and Workforce Training COVID-19 Requirements Plan based on Gov. Inslee's Safe Start plan to reopen the State.

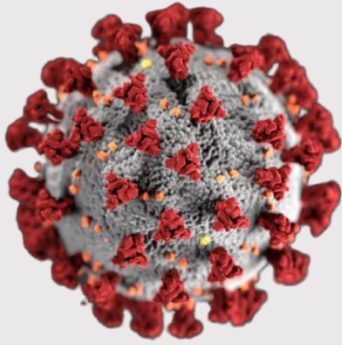
Updates, resources, and information about COVID-19 are available at edcc.edu/coronavirus.

Sno-Isle Libraries is Celebrating the World of Harry Potter this Summer with Online Programs

Sno-Isle Libraries will be offering Harry Potter themed online programs beginning the week of Monday, July 27.

Check out Sno-Isle's [webpage](#) to learn more about their Harry Potter themed online programs, activities, and summer reading lists.





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SAFE START PLAN UPDATES TO PERSONAL SERVICES UNDER PHASE 2

On July 15, updates to Washington's Safe Start Plan were made relating to personal services. Link at right.

ICYMI: DISASTER READY WASHINGTON WEBINAR RECORDING AVAILABLE

The recording from the Disaster Ready Washington webinar is available on the Washington State Emergency Management Division's YouTube page.

FCC WARNING: COVID-19 CONSUMER SCAMS

The FCC is warning of scam text message campaigns and robocalls that prey on virus-related fears.

Safe Start Plan Updates to Personal Services Under Phase 2

On July 15, updates to Washington's Safe Start Plan were made to [Personal Services](#). Personal services affected include Cosmetologists, Hairstylists, Barbers, Estheticians, Master Estheticians, Manicurists, Nail Salon Workers, Electrologists, Permanent Makeup Artists, Tattoo Artists, Cosmetology Schools, and Esthetics Schools.

For more information please read the [updated guidance](#).

ICYMI: Disaster Ready Washington Webinar Recording Available

If you missed today's Disaster Ready Washington webinar hosted by the Washington state Emergency Management Division (EMD), a recording has been made available on YouTube. Representatives from EMD were joined by Snohomish County DEM's Michelle Boll and City of Marysville's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Jenn Brown, providing tips on emergency kits, financial preparedness, mental health support, and online safety.

The webinar will be available to watch [here](#).

Additional preparedness resources:

[Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management](#)

[Washington State Emergency Management Division](#)

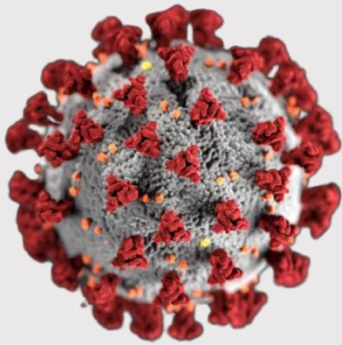
FCC Warning: COVID-19 Consumer Scams

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has learned of scam text-message campaigns and robocalls that prey on virus-related fears.

- COVID-19 text scams may falsely advertise a cure or offer bogus tests. [Learn more and see examples of scam texts](#).
- Robocall scams have focused on health and financial concerns connected to COVID-19. [Learn more and listen to actual scam audio](#).
- Coronavirus scammers are targeting older Americans. [Get information to share with seniors and their families](#).

If you think you've been a victim of a coronavirus scam, contact law enforcement immediately.

For more information please visit the FCC's [webpage](#).



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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.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of July 21, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:05 p.m.
Confirmed	4,526 (up 41 cases from 7/20)
Probable	558 (up 18 from 7/20)
Deaths	182

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:05 p.m.
Arlington	206 (130 recovered)
Bothell*	373 (221 recovered)
Brier	27 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	458 (347 recovered)
Everett	1,471 (1,019 recovered)
Gold Bar	6 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	36 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	229 (131 recovered)
Lynnwood	839 (649 recovered)
Marysville	431 (274 recovered)
Mill Creek	83 (55 recovered)
Monroe	170 (87 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	150 (118 recovered)
Mukilteo	84 (72 recovered)
Snohomish	269 (170 recovered)
Stanwood	154 (106 recovered)
Sultan	19 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	40 (24 recovered)
Unknown/Other	5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (11 recovered)
Woodway	9 (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.