



# PARTNERS IN CRIME PREVENTION

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## COVID-19- PANDEMIC AFFECTS SOME SHERIFF'S OPERATIONS

COVID-19 has affected most aspects of our lives. We are being encouraged to stay home to prevent the spread of this aggressive virus to others, especially the elderly and those with serious underlying medical conditions.

Governor Inslee and local health officers have also placed bans on groups of over 50 people, closed certain businesses, events, or other gatherings such as restaurants (except for food take out or delivery), bars, sporting events, and theaters.

Businesses and other functions may stay open, but only if they meet certain requirements such as keeping people 6 feet apart, exclude ill employees, provide hand hygiene and sanitation, encourage older adults not to attend.

The idea is to separate people to disrupt the spread of this form of coronavirus. This is often called "social distancing."

The new rules are affecting Snohomish County government also. County offices and departments have implemented social distancing measures to comply with the governor's orders. In many instances, offices have been closed to the public to protect the public and county employees.

In a March 17 statement, County Executive Dave Somers said,

"COVID-19 is impacting our daily lives, and we must adapt to a new normal," said Executive Somers. "We are making science-based decisions at the recommendation of our health officers. We know these measures are extremely disruptive for our families and businesses in the short term, but they are necessary for our health and the well-being of our community in the long term. To save lives and preserve our health care system, we must enforce these social distancing measures. In order to protect the public and our employees we will close some county facilities to the public starting tomorrow. We will continue to do what we can to disrupt the infection rate and keep our community healthy."

For a complete list of operational limitations by county department go to this link:

<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=Snohomish-County-COVID19-response-Restri-136>

For a daily update on the county's response, call the COVID-19 phoneline:

425-388-3944



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425-388-3393  
<http://sheriff.snoco.org>

## COVID-19 - RESOURCES

Operations for businesses and for local government may change as the COVID-19 pandemic develops. Keeping up with up to date and accurate information is important for all of us.

### Snohomish County Sheriff's Office-

Website-

[https://snohomishcountywa.gov/210/Sheriffs-Office?fbclid=IwAR0MrDw6GifhUU9kN69c8ecN4hZ83UoIUTbWrFyo2GgyJqPjTt\\_nDypsjs](https://snohomishcountywa.gov/210/Sheriffs-Office?fbclid=IwAR0MrDw6GifhUU9kN69c8ecN4hZ83UoIUTbWrFyo2GgyJqPjTt_nDypsjs)

Facebook-

<https://www.facebook.com/SnoCoSheriff/>

### Snohomish Health District-

Website-

<https://www.snohd.org/484/Novel-Coronavirus-2019>

Facebook-

<https://www.facebook.com/SnohomishHealth/>

## COVID-19- SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS

The Sheriff's Office will continue to respond to 911 calls and to investigate crimes in Snohomish County. Call 911 for emergencies and 425-407-3999 for non-emergencies.

However, certain administrative functions and offices have been closed to protect the public and Sheriff's Office employees from the transmission of COVID-19.

All administrative services for the public are currently suspended at the following locations until further notice:

- South Precinct (Mill Creek)
- North Precinct (Marysville)
- East Precinct (Sultan Police Department)
- Snohomish Police Department
- Stanwood Police Department
- Granite Falls Police Department
- Snohomish County Jail reception area is closed to the public. Attorneys will have access through Inmate Accounts with proper identification.
- Effective March 19, Courthouse (4th Floor) will also be closed to the public until further notice.

Registered Sex Offender (RSO) services will be delayed two weeks. RSOs should check back on Monday, April 6 for additional information at this link.:

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/302/Registered-Sex-Offenders>

You can do some business with the Sheriff's Office online. For example you can file an online report for certain crimes online at:

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/301/File-an-Online-Crime-Report>

## Did you know?

SnoCo residents can file online crime reports  
[mycrimereport.us](http://mycrimereport.us)

Report online if:

- It's not an emergency
- No known suspects
- You have a valid email address
- Item(s) were lost, stolen, or damaged
- Value of items are less than \$5,000



Apply for or Renewing a Concealed Pistol License at  
[www.snohomishwa.permitium.com/ccw/start](http://www.snohomishwa.permitium.com/ccw/start)

File Public Records Requests:  
[www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3019/Request-Records](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3019/Request-Records)

File Collision Records Requests:  
[www.policereports.lexisnexis.com/](http://www.policereports.lexisnexis.com/)

## COVID-19- WHAT TO DO

“Washing hands” “Social distancing” “COVID-19” These are words that have quickly become common to all of us. We have been told repeatedly to wash our hands frequently, cover coughs, stay home if we are sick, avoid crowds, and stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

With the numbers of people being reported as having the COVID-19 coronavirus climbing, this is a good time to review what we can do to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors.

**The symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, sore throat, and difficulty breathing.**

The Snohomish Health District says that the severity of the symptoms may vary from one person to another. While most people who may get the illness will not have severe symptoms, the illness can be severe for people over 60, people with underlying health conditions or weakened immune systems, or pregnant women.

**If you have symptoms**, the Health District recommends:

- If you have not been in contact with a confirmed case stay home and away from others. Call your doctor, don't go to the ER.
- If you have been notified that you had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case and you experi-

ence symptoms, **act as though you have a confirmed case.** Call your doctor for guidance.

Whether you have symptoms or not, it is important to follow Health District guidelines. If you do not have symptoms, following the guidelines below will help you to avoid catching the virus. If you do have symptoms, following the guidelines will help you to stop the spread of the virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw it out immediately, use the crook of your elbow.
- Stay at home. Avoid close contact with others.
- Avoid sharing personal or household items like cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding.



## COVID-19 - MORE RESOURCES

**More SnoHD guidance on what do to if you have symptoms-**

<http://www.snohd.org/Blog.aspx?IID=22>

**Washington State Department of Health-**

<https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/>

COVID-19 Hotline-

Open 6am to 10pm daily

1-800-525-0127

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-**

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

**World Health Organization-**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

## SCAMS/MISINFORMATION – DON'T BE VICTIMIZED

Scammers follow the headlines to take your money and identity. They also try to get you emotional so that you are not thinking logically.

With the seriousness and the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers have a ready-made situation to take advantage of our apprehension and confusion.

Since COVID-19 became a major concern in the U.S., the Federal Trade Commission sent letters to seven companies warning them that they may be violating federal law by making deceptive or scientifically unsupported claims that products they were selling would be able to prevent or treat COVID-19.

The Washington State Attorney General's Office issued a press release citing an email and a text that had been sent to Washington citizens that attempted to download malware or take a victim's identity when they clicked on a link.

We can expect the number of scams to escalate, so remember:

- Don't click on links.
- Be wary of emails from the CDC or WHO.
- Watch out for ads claiming medical breakthroughs

The Washington State Attorney General's Office is looking for scammers and price gougers. If you see a scam/price gouging or are a victim of a scam/price gouging, file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office at:

<https://www.atg.wa.gov/file-complaint>

### MISINFORMATION-

Over the past few weeks we have experienced a tsunami of information about a new coronavirus that is spreading throughout the world.

Misinformation, which spreads more quickly than accurate information, can lead to bad and potentially deadly decisions by all of us.

As you take in information about COVID-19 whether it is on TV, the radio, email, or social media, be wary of the information. Be sure that you know the source of the information.

## OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS

### MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER

<https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/311/Office-of-Neighborhoods>

**Homeless Outreach-**  
Sgt. Ryan Boyer  
Phone: (425) 308-0037  
Email: [neighborhood-watch@snoco.org](mailto:neighborhood-watch@snoco.org)

**Nuisance Properties-**  
Deputy David Chitwood  
Email: [David.Chitwood@snoco.org](mailto:David.Chitwood@snoco.org)

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME PREVENTION WEB PAGE:**  
<http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/289/Crime-Prevention>

## NEWSLETTER INFO

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If you have questions regarding this newsletter or any articles that appear in it, please contact the editor at [neighborhoodwatch@snoco.org](mailto:neighborhoodwatch@snoco.org)



Snohomish County Sheriff's Office: 425-388-3845

<http://snohomishcountywa.gov/303/Anonymous-Tips>

Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound: 1-800-222-8477