

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. -- In consultation with other Snohomish County leaders, Executive Dave Somers today announced the restriction of public access to select county facilities, primarily those in the Administration Buildings on the county campus, starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

These county facilities will be closed to the public until further notice, with limited exceptions.

“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.”

Here are the county departments and services that remain accessible to the public during the restriction of public access to the Administrative Buildings:

#### **Snohomish County COVID-19 phonenumber for Daily Updates 425-388-3944**

#### **Basic Health and Other Human Service Programs**

- [Health and Human Services](#) will offer limited services by phone, e-mail, FAX and mail for Energy Assistance, Homeless Housing, Housing and Essential Needs, and Veterans Services
- The [Medical Examiner’s Office](#) remains open.

#### **Public Safety and Access to Criminal Justice System**

- The [Sheriff’s Office](#) will continue to respond to 911 calls and ensuring the [jail](#) provide a safe, secure and humane detention facility.
- [District Court](#) until April 24, all civil and traffic matters, with the exception of protection orders and compliance hearings, have been suspended. Criminal matters are limited to essential motions as outlined in the Emergency Order. The jail calendars will continue as before. Civil and criminal matters may be heard upon approval of a judicial officer.

#### **Access to Snohomish County Public-Facing Services**

- The [Snohomish County Jail](#) reception area will be closed. Attorneys will have access through [Inmate Accounts](#) with proper identification.
- The passenger terminal at [Paine Field](#) remains open.

- [Public Records](#) requests and services will be by appointment only

**The following departments and/or services have limited access for the public.** Please refer to the individual department websites for more information:

- [Assessor's Office](#)
- [Auditor's Office](#)
- [Carnegie Resource Center](#)
- The Diversion Center is not accepting new clients.
- [Finance](#)
- All non-mandated [fingerprinting services from the Sheriff's Office](#) are suspended until further notice
- [Hearing Examiner](#)
- [Human Resources](#)
- [Parks](#)
- [Performance Auditor](#)
- [Prosecuting Attorney](#)
- [Public Advocate](#)
- [Public Works](#) – business will be conducted by phone or through email
- [Sheriff's Office](#)
- [Snohomish Health District](#) (except for certain off-site inspections)
- [Superior Court](#) criminal cases have been postponed until April 24 and civil cases until June 1.
- [Treasurer's Office](#)

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