

# COVID-19

Friday, May 1, 2020

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

This morning, Snohomish County leaders provided an update on the COVID-19 response, including food supply. Link to view the press conference is at right.

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## SHD REMINDS THE COMMUNITY TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE AS NEEDED

Don't let fear get in the way of your healthcare. Seek medical care if you need it!

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

## Snohomish County Provides COVID-19 Update

This morning, Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) provided a media availability with county leaders to address the county's response to COVID-19. Topics included safe behavior at parks, results of long-term care testing, the importance of wearing face covers, and the stability of the county's food supply, along with the work being done to make sure people have access to food.

The recording of the virtual press conference is posted here: <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

## Inslee Announces Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order Extended through May 31, Outlines Phases to Reopening Washington

In an afternoon press conference today, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order will be extended through May 31. He also outlined the four phases of re-opening Washington's businesses and modifying physical distancing measures. Click the image below for full size.

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Measures				
	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
<b>High-Risk Populations*</b>	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
<b>Recreation</b>	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	Outdoor group rec. sports activities (≤50 people) Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
<b>Gatherings (social, spiritual)</b>	- None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with > 50 people
<b>Travel</b>	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
<b>Business/Employers</b>	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Housecleaning - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/barbers - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5	- Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

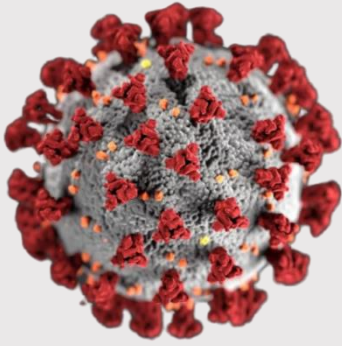
\*High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as persons 65 years of age and older, people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled) including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, kidney disease, underlying dialysis, and people with liver disease, people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

Inslee did note that each phase would be in effect for at least three weeks to make sure that COVID-19 cases do not increase.

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

## SHD Reminds the Community to Seek Medical Care as Needed

Snohomish Health District is continuing to get reports of people avoiding hospitals or delaying urgent care, and the outcomes of that can be devastating. Hospitals and clinics are taking steps to protect patients from the spread of illness, so please seek medical care if you need it. Don't let fear get in the way of your healthcare.



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## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY PARKS TO RE-OPEN FOR DAY USE MAY 5**

Snohomish County Parks will reopen for day use May 5. Tips to keep the parks open are at right.

### Question

Should I avoid going to the hospital or urgent care if I need medical attention?

### Answer

No. Hospitals and clinics are safe, and you should call 911 or go there if having severe symptoms.

Your medical provider may cancel or postpone non-urgent appointments. However, urgent care should NOT be delayed.

It is safe to call 911 or go to an emergency room or urgent care clinic. EMS, clinic, and hospital staff are professionals who are taking steps to protect patients and prevent the spread of illness.

Delaying care for chronic conditions could create another medical crisis aside from COVID-19. Your health is important.

If you have questions, contact your medical provider by phone or online for guidance. They can advise on whether you should come in.



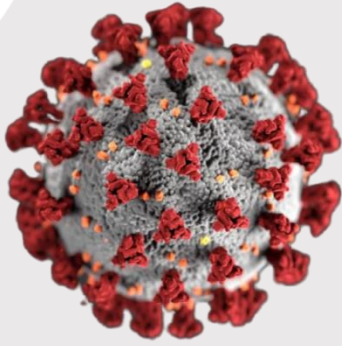
## **Snohomish County Parks to Re-open for Day Use May 5**

Snohomish County parks will re-open for day use on May 5! Keep up the good work to keep 'em open:

- Know before you go – Research the park or public land you plan to travel to. Check their updates frequently to see if restrictions have changed. Playgrounds and campgrounds remain closed until at least May 20, 2020. Do not use parks if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Stick with your squad – Only recreate, travel in cars/boats/vehicles with those in your immediate household who are not at high risk.
- Play prepared – Plan your park outing like you would for a hike. Pack food, water, supplies, hand sanitizer and a cloth facial covering.
- No space? Find another place – If you get to your planned recreation destination and it is crowded or looks difficult to maintain social distancing, go to another nearby park or go home so you can stay safe and avoid crowds.
- Be considerate of other visitors – Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times.
- Stay local – Recreate locally - overnight stays such as camping are prohibited. Limited parking will be enforced based on capacity.
- Keep it up to keep 'em open – Recreate responsibly to prevent the spread so we can slow the curve. If the pandemic resurges, parks and restrictions may need to close again.

More information can be found at: [www.snocoparks.org](http://www.snocoparks.org) or 425-388-6600.





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## **EVERETT PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES WILL OPEN PARKING LOTS AND BOAT LAUNCHES ON MAY 5**

The City of Everett will be opening parks and boat launches May 5. Details and link at right.

## **SNOHOMISH YOUTH COUNCIL SEEKS TEEN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The City of Snohomish Youth Council has created a survey to gather data from their peers about their experience during the pandemic. Details and link at right.

## **ARLINGTON COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE**

The City of Arlington published a list of upcoming events that have been canceled for 2020. List at right.

## **STILLAGUAMISH FESTIVAL OF THE RIVER AND POW WOW CANCELED**

The Stillaguamish Tribe has chosen to cancel the 2020 Festival of the River and Pow Wow.

## **LYNNWOOD GOLF COURSE SET TO RE-OPEN MAY 5**

Lynnwood Golf Course will re-open May 5.

## **Everett Parks and Community Services Will Open Parking Lots and Boat Launches on May 5**

The City of Everett is moving forward on reopening parks and boat launches beginning May 5. Parking lots will be open for all parks from dawn to dusk. Restrooms, amenities and active areas such as sports courts, ball fields, playgrounds, skate parks and off-leash areas remain closed until further notice.

Walter E. Hall and Legion Memorial golf courses will also re-open for limited use on May 5. Both golf courses will follow new COVID-19 requirements and recommendations for golf courses from Governor Inslee and the Golf Alliance of Washington. New health and safety operations and guidelines will be in place. [Learn more.](#)

[Find a full list of facility closures and service changes.](#) For more information please visit Everett's [webpage.](#)

## **Snohomish Youth Council Seeks Teen Response to COVID-19**

Members of the City of Snohomish Youth Council have created a survey to gather data from their peers about their experiences during this crisis.

Please share the links with your teenagers, grandchildren or family friends who are between the ages of 13 - 18 so they can collect as many responses as possible.

Snohomish Youth Council COVID-19 Survey Link [here](#)

At this time, the members of the Snohomish Youth Council are meeting virtually. Find more information about the Snohomish Youth Council [here.](#)

## **Arlington Community Events Update**

The City of Arlington published a list of upcoming events that have been canceled for 2020.

- The Memorial Day Parade and the Avenue of Flags at the Arlington Cemetery has been canceled. Thank you, American Legion Post 76 and volunteers, who have made this decision of diligence.
- City Clean Up Event - this annual June event has been cancelled. The partners who dispose of the waste and recycling are not available due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The Arlington Fly-In will pause in 2020 and return in 2021.

More information: Visit the City of Arlington's [website](#) or [Facebook page.](#)

## **Stillaguamish Festival of the River and Pow Wow Canceled**

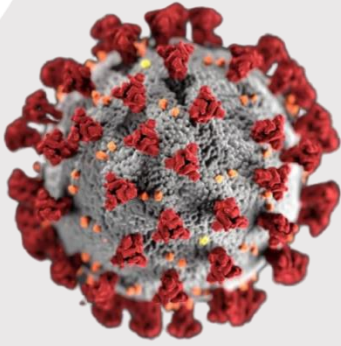
The Stillaguamish Tribe has chosen to cancel the 2020 Festival of the River and Pow Wow. While we can't gather in person, we hope that each of you are staying safe and healthy. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate again in the future.

## **Lynnwood Golf Course Set to Re-Open May 5**

Social distancing is required and will be enforced throughout the property.

Golf Course

- Reservations are limited to no more than two players.
- Families from the same household can play as a threesome or foursome after 3pm. (The exception to the twosome rule ONLY applies to families in the same household. Family members not living in the same house can only play as a twosome.)
- Singles must walk on
- Golf carts are limited to individuals, unless playing with a minor



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## **SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION**

Link to the list of community resources and information about COVID-19 compiled by Sno-Isle Libraries is at right.

## **WHOLE FOODS MARKET WILL PROVIDE FACE COVERING TO CUSTOMERS NATIONWIDE**

Any customer entering Whole Foods Market to shop will be offered a free, disposable face covering starting next week.

## **KREIDLER EXTENDS EMERGENCY ORDER 30 DAYS FOR WAIVING DEDUCTIBLES AND COPAYS FOR CORONAVIRUS TESTING**

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler extended his emergency order requiring health insurers to waive copays and deductibles for any consumer requiring testing for COVID-19.

- On course touch points such as air stations, rakes, etc. have been removed
- Flagstick must remain in at all times
- Golfers must leave immediately after their round

### Pro Shop

- No more than 2 - 4 people at one time
- Must maintain 6 feet while waiting in line
- No club/equipment rentals
- Please use Credit/Debit Cards Only

### Tee Time Reservations

- Tee Times can be made online, on the mobile app, or over the phone.
- If you are a family living in the same household and booking for more than two people, please call the golf course so we can accommodate you.
- We are cleaning our heavily trafficked areas multiple times throughout the day in an effort to maintain a safe environment for all. We ask that our customers assist in strict adherence to these standards. Any customer not following the rules will be asked to leave the course immediately.

For more information on the Lynnwood Golf Course or to book a tee time, please visit [www.Lynnwoodgc.com](http://www.Lynnwoodgc.com) or call 425-672-GOLF.

## **Sno-Isle Libraries COVID-19 Resources and Information**

Sno-Isle Libraries has compiled a list of community resources and information about COVID-19. Please visit Sno-Isle's [webpage](#) for more information.

## **Whole Foods Market Will Provide Face Coverings to Customers Nationwide**

To help protect the safety and health of Whole Foods team members, customers, and communities, beginning next week Whole Foods will offer free, disposable face covers to all customers when they arrive at the store to shop.

## **Kreidler Extends Emergency Order 30 Days for Waiving Deductibles and Copays for Coronavirus Testing**

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [extended his emergency order](#) to Washington state health insurers for 30 days, requiring them to waive copays and deductibles for any consumer requiring testing for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Insurers also must continue:

- Allowing a one-time early refill for prescription drugs.
- Suspending any prior authorization requirement for treatment or testing of COVID-19.

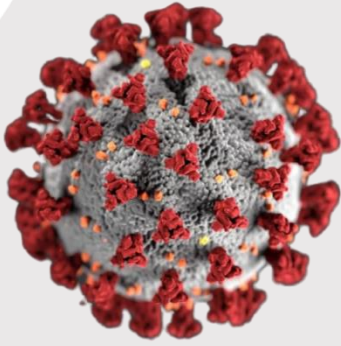
In addition, if an insurer does not have enough medical providers in its network to provide testing or treatment for COVID-19, it must allow enrollees to be treated by another provider within a reasonable distance at no additional cost.

The extension is effective immediately and applies to all state-regulated health insurance plans and short-term limited duration medical plans until June 3, 2020.

Read the full release [here](#).

## **Inslee Announces Infusion of Federal Testing Supplies to Support COVID-19 Response**





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## INSLEE ANNOUNCES INFUSION OF FEDERAL TESTING SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

Link to the statement from Gov. Jay Inslee in response to the news that the federal government will be invoking the Defense Production Act to increase testing supplies is at right.

## OTHER STATEWIDE RESPONSE UPDATES

Updates on the COVID-19 response including epidemiology, PPE, food supply, and unemployment numbers are at right.

Gov. Jay Inslee issued [a statement](#) yesterday in response to the news that the federal government will be invoking the Defense Production Act in order to increase available testing supplies for states.

## Other Statewide Response Updates

### Epidemiology Summary

COVID-19 activity continues to fall in Washington as measured by new hospital admissions for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and the proportion of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 each day. The total number of individuals tested increased almost 18% from the week ending April 18th to the week ending April 25th. We continue to have an average of about 215 new COVID-19 cases reported every day.

### PPE

The state continues its aggressive procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) but still is not able to bring in enough supply to meet demand. Global supply chain challenges have meant our incoming orders are not keeping pace with original vendor projections. The state is working to comprehensively review shipping challenges and identify opportunities to expedite orders. In addition, a handful of orders have been canceled due to issues like quality, inability of a manufacturer to obtain needed supplies, and suppliers not receiving back-ordered items from manufacturers.

To date, approximately \$9 million worth of PPE ordered has arrived and been accepted, out of the more than \$343 million ordered. Because PPE supplies remain limited, state officials continue to prioritize [Tier 1 needs](#) which include hospitals, long-term care facilities and first responders. Information about purchasing and distribution of PPE is available on the [state's coronavirus website](#).

### Food Supply

Last week the state distributed an estimated 1.4 million pounds of emergency food to serve 171,086 clients across the state. Food banks also received assistance from more than 600 Washington National Guardsmen who helped box more than 5.2 million pounds of food and assembled more than 230,000 meals.

This week, WSDA participated in a corporate donor outreach to update philanthropic organizations that are considering contributions to the Washington Food Fund. WSDA estimated a \$5.5 million weekly burn-rate for meeting statewide food bank demand. WSDA continues to adjust ordering schedules and seek new sources and supply channels to fill an \$11 million gap expected in the first weeks of May.

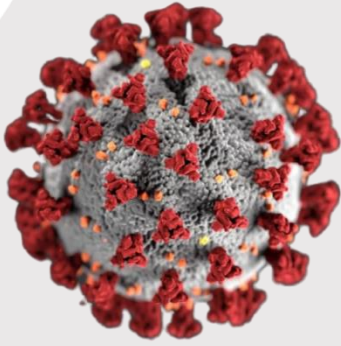
### Unemployment Numbers

During the week of April 19-25, there were 1,455,908 total claims for unemployment benefits filed by Washingtonians for unemployment benefits, according to the Employment Security Department (ESD).

In addition, during the week of April 19-25, ESD paid out over \$988 million (an increase of \$811.2 million from the previous week) to a total of 504,407 claims (an increase of 151,498 from the previous week). An individual can file more than one claim, so the number of claims does not equate to individuals.

Since the week ending March 7 when COVID-19 job losses began:

- A total of 787,533 distinct individuals have filed for unemployment insurance
- ESD has paid out nearly \$1.5 billion in benefits to Washingtonians to more than 500,000 Washingtonians



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## FARM WORKERS AND COVID-19

Labor & Industries recently released guidance on to help employers protect workers in agricultural jobs. More details at [right](#).

Statement from Employment Security Department Commissioner Suzi LeVine on adjudication: It is our agency's number one priority to get benefits to those people who are eligible for some form of unemployment assistance and who are still waiting. These are the four things we're doing right now to address this issue:

1. Getting people who are eligible to be paid to take action. Tens of thousands of people have not filed their weekly claim, or do not know they are should apply for expanded unemployment benefits under the federal CARES Act. Targeted emails will remind them to take these important steps.
2. Reaching out to those in adjudication for various reasons and updating them on the work we are doing to resolve their situation.
3. Bulk-clearing certain issues when we can. For example, people who noted that they are a student as well as an employee, typically must show that they have enough hours in their week outside of school available to work. With most schools cancelled, this is an issue we have been able bulk-clear from many applicants, speeding up the process for many of those folks to be paid.
4. Bringing on more customer service staff to both help people across the state process their claims and get through on the phones and free up our adjudicators to do the specialized work of resolving claims issues. We've more than tripled our claims staff and we continue to hire, so please go to [esd.wa.gov/esdjobs](https://esd.wa.gov/esdjobs) to see current postings.

We know people are struggling all across the state and many are in desperate situations. These are our friends, neighbors and families. I am so sorry that we haven't been able to provide everyone with relief when they need it and we will continue to work hard to eliminate this backlog and get money to all those who are eligible as quickly as possible.

[Read the full statement.](#)

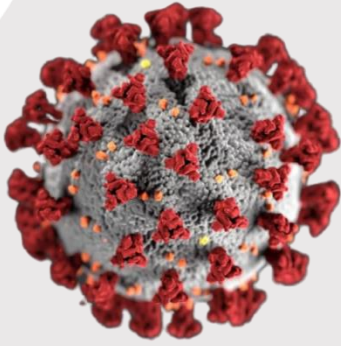
## Farm Workers and COVID-19

While some of us are able to work at home, some of us who have been designated "essential" must continue to go to work. This can put them at risk, and then put our essential services at risk. CDC has issued guidance to keep our essential workers both working and safe. Under this new guidance, essential workers can continue to work after they have had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, if they do not feel sick and if they take their temperature every day, wear a face mask, carefully physically distance themselves from others, and if the employer cleans and disinfects all common areas and equipment. Visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html) for the full guidance.

One group of essential workers that can be especially vulnerable to COVID-19 infection is farm workers. The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries recently released guidance to help employers protect workers in agricultural jobs. The guidance states that employers must keep workers at least six feet apart; ensure frequent employee hand washing; increase regular cleaning and sanitizing of common-touch surfaces; make sure sick employees stay home (or are isolated); and educate workers in the language they understand best about coronavirus and how to prevent transmission. Visit [www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-165-000.pdf](https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F414-165-000.pdf) for the full guidance.

## TVW COVID-19 Content and Resources

Find links to past and future coverage regarding COVID-19 and resources from our partners at <https://www.tvw.org/covid-19/>.



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## TVW COVID-19 CONTENT AND RESOURCES

New content has been added to TVW, including new episodes of "The Impact: Road to Recovery." Links at right.

## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

The Health District will no longer be updating case counts on the website on Saturdays and Sundays.

## 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**.

TVW has posted two new episodes in its series, "The Impact: Road to Recovery," which discusses how businesses and workers can navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic. All the [shows are archived on TVW](#). Recent episodes include:

- [Q&A with BIAW Executive V-P Greg Lane](#) about the impact of the COVID-19 shutdown on private construction jobs and the availability of affordable housing, plus the plans keep workers safe as job sites reopen.
- [Washington Hospitality Association President Anthony Anton](#) explains the impact of the COVID-19 shutdown on restaurants, hotels, owners, and workers and describes how the industry is changing in response.

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 1, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,467
Probable	229
Deceased	109

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	107 (73 recovered)
Bothell*	169 (120 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	288 (170 recovered)
Everett	763 (462 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	21 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	103 (81 recovered)
Lynnwood	511 (268 recovered)
Marysville	208 (129 recovered)
Mill Creek	45 (29 recovered)
Monroe	63 (41 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	92 (55 recovered)
Mukilteo	51 (42 recovered)
Snohomish	124 (92 recovered)
Stanwood	86 (67 recovered)
Sultan	6 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	11 (5 recovered)
Unknown/Other	6 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (10 recovered)
Woodway	7 (5 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.