

COVID-19

Friday, May 8, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19 and pets. The link to view the video is at right.

GOV. INSLEE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

A link to Gov. Jay Inslee's afternoon press conference is at right.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT MAPS SHOW ROUTES FOR TAKING THE BUS TO THE FOOD BANK

A link to the map showing transit routes near food banks is available on the Community Transit website.

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE LAUNCHES FOOD DRIVE

The City of Mountlake Terrace is holding a food drive to benefit three local food banks between now and May 29. Details at right.

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 and pets. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District and Timothy Cavanagh a Veterinarian with All Creatures Veterinary Services.

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

Gov. Inslee Press Conference Today

Gov. Jay Inslee addressed the media today via streaming video and telephone to talk about the state's phased approach to re-opening the economy and provide an update on contact tracing.

[View it on TVW.](#)

Community Transit Maps Show Routes for Taking the Bus to the Food Bank

Snohomish County residents can take the bus to many food banks. Community Transit has several routes within walking distance. A map of transit routes near food banks is available on the [Community Transit website](#).

Learn more about Snohomish County food resources in this [Community Transit blog post](#).

City of Mountlake Terrace Launches Food Drive

In an effort to support an increased demand for food at the city's food banks, City of Mountlake Terrace employees have banded together to launch a food drive to help replenish the supply.

If the community would like to donate items, please bring non-perishable items to City Hall located at 6100 219th Street SW #200 during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) through May 29. Since the lobby is not open to the public, please add to the box that we will place outside the door. If you would prefer to donate directly, please visit the organizations' websites to see what days and times they are staffed to receive donations. Some of the organizations also accept online donations in lieu of food.

The city will donate to the following organizations:

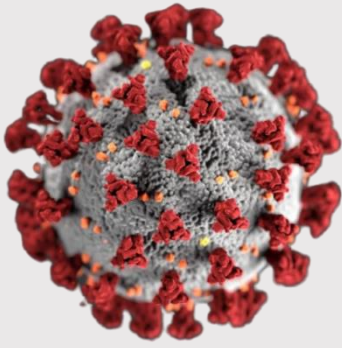
[Concern for Neighbors Food Bank](#) (4700 228th Street SW)

[Cedarwood International Food Bank](#) (Bethel Chapel, 23010 66th Avenue West)

[Foundation for Edmonds School District Nourishing Network](#)

For more information about the food drive, please contact Community Relations Director Virginia Olsen at 425-744-6206 or volsen@ci.mlt.wa.us.

Please read Mountlake Terrace's [news release](#).



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STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE DONATES MONEY TO FOOD BANKS

This week, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians donated \$600,000 to the Arlington Community Food Bank and the Stanwood Camano Food Bank.

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL MEAL DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Arlington Public Schools is adjusting its meal distribution sites and times. Details at right.

Stillaguamish Tribe Donates Money to Food Banks

This week, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians donated \$600,000 to two local food banks: \$300,000 to the Arlington Community Food Bank and another \$300,000 to the Stanwood Camano Food bank.

The donation is the latest effort by the Tribe to further care for the well-being of the local community and to help make a positive impact during a period of continued uncertainty. This generous gift will help ensure no one in the Stillaguamish Valley goes hungry.

Arlington Public Schools Meal Program Updates

Starting on Monday, May 11, Arlington Public Schools (APS) is adjusting its meal distribution sites and times at different locations to feed more kids. This change will include more sites that are closer to kids who may not have easy access to existing sites.

Meals are available Monday through Friday at the following locations and times:

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presidents Elementary
Arlington High School

9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church in Silvana (1717 Ole Larson Rd.)
Arlington Heights Community Club
Bryant Community Grange
Kent Prairie Elementary
High Clover @ 47th Ave and High Clover Blvd
Traffon General Store
Timbers (Driveway from Tviet Rd.) (**New site**)
Haller Park (**New site**)
Pioneer Elementary

9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Oso Fire Station
Angel of the Winds Casino South Lot
Sisco Heights Church McElroy Rd
Mobile Estates off 67th Ave NE
62nd DR NE
Gregory Park (89th AVE NE) (**New site**)

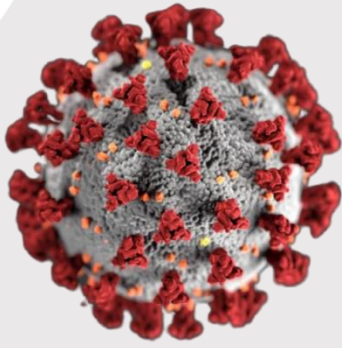
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Whitman Road Bus Turnaround (**New site**)
Grandview Fire Station (**New site**)
Jordan River Trails
Rivercrest
Heartland
Woodway Park (176th PL NE/74th DR NE) (**New site**)

On Fridays, the Arlington Community Food Bank will be providing weekend meals for all students at all sites as part of their "Meals 'til Monday" Program.

In order to help us identify how many meals to prepare for each location, APS asking families to complete the following meal distribution form: [Meal Distribution Form](#)

The meal distribution program ends on June 19.



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GOV. INSLEE ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR RE-OPENING BUSINESSES, ESSENTIAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND DRIVE-IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES, IN PHASE 1 OF RECOVERY

Gov. Jay Inslee has issued guidance on vehicle and vessel sales, car wash services, essential workforce development programs, and drive-in religious services. Links to the specific guidance is at right.

STATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) UPDATE

For the first time, limited distributions of PPE beyond tier 1 have been possible. More details at right.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS POISED TO RECEIVE NEARLY \$300 MILLION IN CORONAVIRUS RELIEF

See the details on what the nearly \$300 million in federal CARES Act funds can be used for in your city. Link to how much each city is receiving is at right.

Gov. Inslee Issues Guidance for Re-Opening Businesses, Essential Workforce Development Programs, and Drive-In Religious Services, in Phase 1 of Recovery

This week Governor Inslee issued guidance vehicle and vessel sales, car wash services, essential workforce development programs, and drive-in religious services allowed under the Safe Start Phase 1 recovery plan. See the links below to access the guidance memos and requirements:

- [Memo: Resuming Vehicle Sales](#)
- [Frequently asked questions on vehicle and vessel sales](#)
- [Vehicle and vessel sales proclamation](#)
- [Memo: Resuming the car wash industry](#)
- [Phase 1 car wash industry COVID-19 requirements](#)
- [List of approved essential programs](#)
- [Essential workforce education program standards](#)
- [Commercial driver license guidelines](#)
- [Religious, spiritual, and faith-based drive-in guidance](#)

State Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Update

The state continues its aggressive procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE). For the first time this week, limited distributions beyond [tier 1](#) have been possible primarily to over-supply of some very specific item types within broad categories - KN95 respirator masks, surgical masks, and some types and sizes of gloves and gowns - rather than adequate and sustainable supplies across categories. The state is working to expand access to PPE products and supplies so we can better address [tier 2 through 4 needs](#) as well as begin to address longer-term, ongoing needs of others at high risk.

Purchases are the primary way the state has secured PPE, accounting for more than 80 percent of items received so far - a percentage that is growing. Most of what has been ordered is still on the way. As of today, the state has distributed more than 18.8 million PPE items, including 6.8 million items distributed in the past couple of days – up from a total of about 6 million items distributed overall three weeks ago.

Information about purchasing and distribution of PPE is available on the [state's coronavirus website](#) and as part of the available [data](#) on the Governor's [Risk-Assessment Dashboard](#).

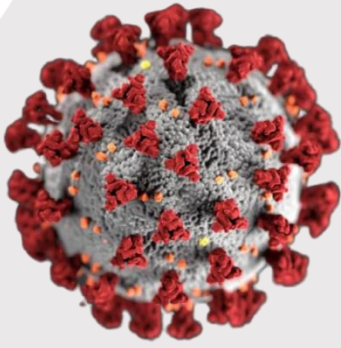
Local Governments Poised to Receive Nearly \$300 Million in Coronavirus Relief

Today, the Washington State Department of Commerce announced local governments will soon receive their portion of nearly \$300 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds awarded to the state to address COVID-19-related costs. The funds are flexible, allowing cities and counties to use their allocation for everything from public health and human services expenses to small business and economic support.

Municipalities were allocated funding based on population, COVID-19 impact and other factors. See the CARES Act individual allocations [here](#).

Funds may be used for costs incurred by the local government in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period Mar. 1 thru Oct. 31, 2020. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Medical and public health expenses.



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DROP IN VACCINATION LEAVES CHILDREN VULNERABLE TO OTHER DISEASES

Now is not the time to skip those Well-Child visits or immunizations. Details at right.

10 REASONS NOT TO HAVE A "COVID-19" PARTY

Find out why purposely exposing yourself to COVID-19 is a really terrible idea.

GRIEVING WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

A new blog offers information about how to recognize the signs that grief is more complex and how to receive help. Link at right.

SERVE WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

The need for volunteers has never been greater. Learn how you can volunteer by visiting the link at right.

- Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the emergency.
- Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures.
- Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the emergency.
- Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

A frequently-asked-questions [document is available here](#). More information on CARES Act funds in Washington state is on the [Commerce website](#).

Drop in Vaccination Leaves Children Vulnerable to Other Diseases

Immunization rates among children [appear to be dropping](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. This leaves children and communities at risk.

Providers in Washington's Childhood Vaccine Program reported they administered 30 percent fewer vaccines to 0-18 year olds in March of this year compared with the same month in previous years. In April, preliminarily we are seeing a 42 percent decrease, but that number may change as April data continue to be reported.

Parents and guardians should make an appointment right away for any immunizations their child has missed. Parents may be nervous about going in to a clinic, but health care providers are making clinics safe for families to visit.

The department and the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics encourage providers to ask any patients who have missed well-child visits or are behind on vaccinations to come in. Prioritize care and vaccination of infants and young children 0 to 24 months of age, followed by children age 4 to 6 years. Find more [guidance for providers](#).

10 Reasons NOT to Have a "COVID-19 Party"

Have you heard of "chickenpox parties"? Before there was an effective vaccine, sometimes people brought their kids together to play with a child who was sick with chickenpox so they could try to control when their child got chickenpox and recovered. Even for chickenpox, this was not a great idea, but purposely exposing yourself or others to COVID-19 is a truly terrible idea. [Read the full article](#).

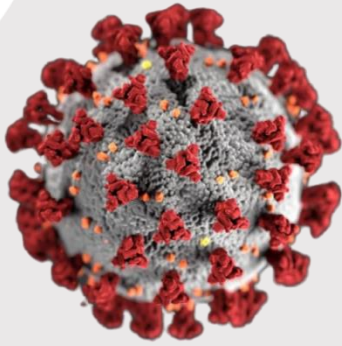
Grieving while Social Distancing

Losing someone you love is always difficult. And losing someone while your life is already turned upside down by a pandemic can intensify your grief, creating more complicated, or traumatic, grief. This makes it even more difficult to heal.

A [When Grief Becomes More than Grieving](#) blog offers information about how to recognize signs that grief is more complex and that it may be time to ask for help.

Serve Washington Volunteer Options

The need for volunteers has never been greater, and the time to get involved has never been better. Finding the opportunity that best suits your skills, availability, and expectations can make all the difference in your experience.



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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

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**.

Volunteering can open your mind, your heart, your hands to helping your community and building a better future for all of us. Help out once, help out once a week. Be a part of a great community and a tremendous state! We encourage you to explore different ways to volunteer.

Healthy individuals, follow health official guidance and contact any organization before volunteering. Click [here for more information](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 8, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,666
Probable	252
Deceased	115

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	113 (77 recovered)
Bothell*	195 (126 recovered)
Brier	18 (10 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	297 (178 recovered)
Everett	840 (482 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	22 (15 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	106 (85 recovered)
Lynnwood	569 (292 recovered)
Marysville	220 (133 recovered)
Mill Creek	46 (30 recovered)
Monroe	69 (49 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	97 (57 recovered)
Mukilteo	52 (43 recovered)
Snohomish	131 (96 recovered)
Stanwood	91 (66 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	15 (7 recovered)
Unknown/Other	5 (<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.