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Tuesday, May 12, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

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

GOV. INSLEE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

Details and a link to Gov. Jay Inslee's afternoon press conference is at right.

BACK TO WORK WEBINARS FOR MANUFACTURERS

EASC is partnering with Impact Washington and Snohomish County to present a no-cost, one-hour webinar on safe manufacturing work environments. See more 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 mental health and wellness. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District and Dr. Paul Schoenfeld with the Everett Clinic.

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 held a press conference this afternoon. A key topic was contact tracing, including how it is done and the role it plays in the long-term response to this pandemic. More workers are being brought on to help with contact tracing statewide. They are trained to maintain the confidentiality of personal information from contact tracing interviews. These workers interview people with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and identify others who have been in close contact with them. These close contacts are then notified of potential exposure, while maintaining patient privacy, and instructed to self-quarantine. The goal is to be able to test people for COVID-19, receive results, and notify the close contacts of those who test positive in a matter of days. During a contact tracing interview, people may be asked for information like age, address, and people with whom they've been in close contact. They will not be asked for information like their social security number or financial information. Among the new workers are National Guard members. They are not here for enforcement of isolation or quarantine, but rather are trained to assist with contact tracing.

For more information, watch the full press conference at www.tvw.org/.

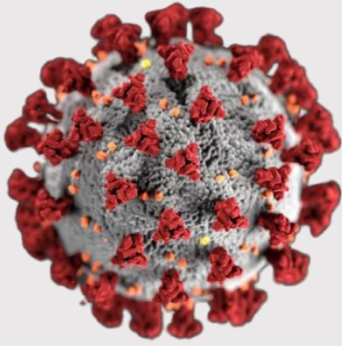
Back to Work Webinars for Manufacturers

As manufacturing ramps up and employees return to their jobs, it is incumbent on employers to provide an environment where employees are safe and where employees feel safe; the latter is as important as the former.

Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) is partnering with [Impact Washington \(IW\)](#) and Snohomish County to present a no-cost, one-hour webinar on Return to Work Readiness Assessments. The webinar describes the Assessment, which includes a virtual site visit with an Impact Washington consultant followed quickly by a thoughtful implementation plan and debrief to ensure a smooth restart of your business as soon as possible. IW relies heavily on OSHA guidance, sound manufacturing principles, and assistance from HR professionals when conducting these reviews. The potential for close contact can occur in so many environments – including packaging areas, production lines, locker rooms, restrooms, etc. – and these assessments address those environments and more. The Assessment is also provided at no cost.

This webinar is targeted to manufacturing generally. IW is associated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Webinars are scheduled for May 13 and May 18 at 11AM. For more information, visit the EASC website: <https://localsnoco.com/educational-resources/>.



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Snohomish County Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program is now accepting applications. See details at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD OFFERS COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PLAN

Snohomish County PUD has developed a COVID Community Support Plan to help customers struggling to pay their electric and water bills. Link and phone numbers at right.

WSDOT ROAD AND FERRY TERMINAL WORK UNDERWAY

Road and ferry terminal construction work has restarted throughout the state, including several key projects in Snohomish County. All projects will adhere to current COVID-19 safety guidelines for construction. See the link at right for up-to-date information on construction projects near you.

Snohomish County Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Snohomish County's Long Term Care and Aging has announced that the Senior Farmers Market Voucher Program is now accepting applications for \$40 worth of checks to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers markets or farm stands. There is an eligibility criteria and an allotted number of accepted applications. To learn more please direct persons to <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1002/Nutrition-Programs>.

Who Is Eligible?

- Age 60+ for non-Native Americans
- Age 55+ for Native Americans
- Low income
 - Up to \$1,967/month for 1 person
 - Up to \$2,658/month for 2 people
 - For larger households, add \$691 per person

Funds are limited so a random selection process is used to select recipients.

How to Apply?

- Complete an application.
- Request an application in the mail, call (425) 388-7393
- For assistance filling out the application call Homage Aging & Disability Resource Network (425) 513-1900

Completed applications MUST be postmarked by May 26 to be eligible. Mailing instructions will be on the application form.

For more information please visit Snohomish County's [webpage](#). Applications are available online in multiple languages.

Snohomish County PUD Offers COVID-19 Community Support Plan

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Snohomish County PUD has developed a COVID Community Support Plan to help customers struggling to pay their electric and water bills. The plan makes funds available for both residential and small business customers affected by the COVID outbreak.

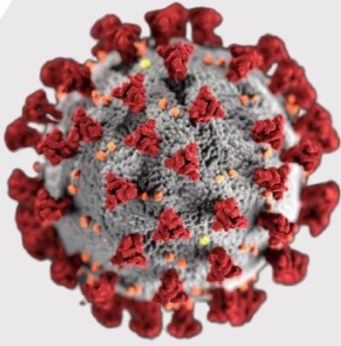
Learn more at PUD's [webpage](#) or call for assistance:

- Residential: 425-783-1000
- Business: 425-783-1012

WSDOT Road and Ferry Terminal Work Underway

Spring in Washington means the start of the road construction season. Washington State Department of Transportation has announced work starting on the Edmonds ferry terminal, bridge rehabilitation on U.S. 2 between the vicinities of Index and Skykomish, culvert replacement on SR 530 between Arlington and Darrington, and completion of the emergency repair on SR 530 near Darrington. For the safety of the traveling public and our crews, projects will adhere to current [COVID-19](#) safety guidelines.

For regular updates on WSDOT construction projects in Snohomish County, visit <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/construction-updates/snohomish>.



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SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY ANNOUNCE DIRECTIVE TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS; SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS WEARING FACE COVERINGS

The Snohomish Health District strongly recommends face coverings when away from home and out in public.

GOV. INSLEE AND WESTERN LEADERS SEND LETTER TO CONGRESS REQUESTING \$1 TRILLION IN STATE AND LOCAL AID

Leaders of the Western States Pact sent a letter to Congress requesting \$1 trillion in direct and flexible relief to states and local governments. Link to the letter at right.

GOV. INSLEE ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR PARTIALLY RESUMING THE DINE-IN RESTAURANT AND TAVERN INDUSTRY IN PHASE 2

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance yesterday for partially resuming the dine-in restaurant and tavern industry **for counties granted variance under the Safe Start Phase 2 [recovery plan laid out last week](#)**. Snohomish County remains in Phase 1 of the Safe Start Plan. Links to the guidance documents are at right.

Seattle and King County Announce Directive to Wear Face Coverings; Snohomish Health District Strongly Recommends Wearing Face Coverings

Facial coverings are strongly encouraged under a new Health Officer order in King County for people who cannot social distance indoors or outdoors. All businesses will be required to post notices.

For more information please read King County's [blog post](#).

As a reminder, cloth face coverings are strongly recommended by the Snohomish Health District. They should be worn when away from home and out in public, when using transit, or in commercial and retail settings. There are many parts of the COVID-19 pandemic that are difficult to control, but reducing contact with others and wearing face coverings are actions that the community can take that make a big difference.

"We have to do everything we can to enable our economy to open without a resurgence in cases, hospitalizations and deaths," said Dr. Chris Spitters, health officer for the Snohomish Health District. "People wearing face coverings are protecting you, so if you are able, you should do the same to protect others."

It is important to note that not everyone is able to wear a face covering. These exceptions include young children, people with disabilities, and deaf individuals who rely on facial movements as part of their communication.

Gov. Inslee and Western Leaders Send Letter to Congress Requesting \$1 Trillion in State and Local Aid

Earlier today, leaders of the Western States Pact, which include Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Colorado, sent a letter to Congress requesting \$1 trillion in direct and flexible relief to states and local governments.

For more information please read the [Western States Pact](#) letter.

Gov. Inslee Issues Guidance for Partially Resuming the Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry in Phase 2

Gov. Jay Inslee issued guidance yesterday for partially resuming the dine-in restaurant and tavern industry for counties granted variance under the Safe Start Phase 2 [recovery plan laid out last week](#).

Through the Washington "[Safe Start](#)" plan, more businesses and activities will re-open in subsequent phases with adequate safety and health standards in place. Each phase will be at least three weeks — metrics and data will guide when the state can move from one phase to another.

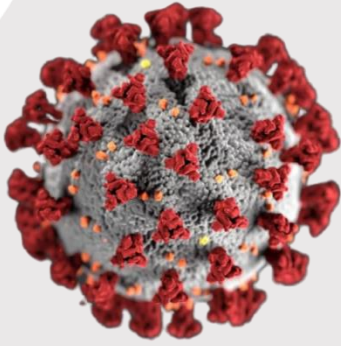
Through the Safe Start approach, counties with a population of less than 75,000 that have not had a new case of COVID-19 in the past three weeks can apply for a variance to move to Phase 2 of "Safe Start" before other parts of the state. County variance applications will be approved or denied by the secretary of the Department of Health. Eight counties have received the variance.

For counties granted variance to move to Phase 2, restaurant operations may resume with limitations after meeting specific criteria, effective May 11, 2020.

"No restaurant or tavern may operate indoor or sit-down services until they can meet and maintain all requirements, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply," the guidance states.

Guidance documents:

- [Memo: Dine-In Restaurants](#)



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GOV. INSLEE EXTENDS NINE PROCLAMATIONS RELATING TO COVID-19

Links to the nine proclamations extended by the Legislature are at right.

FRAUDULENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ON THE RISE

What to watch for and links for reporting suspected unemployment fraud are at right.

ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ERUPTION, VISIT MOUNT ST. HELENS VIRTUALLY

Visiting Mount St. Helens on the anniversary of the May 18th eruption has become an annual trek for many. This year, state and federal officials are asking you to observe the volcano from a distance.

- [Phase 2 Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry COVID-19 Requirements](#)

Gov. Inslee Extends Nine Proclamations Relating to COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of nine proclamations in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

A May 9, 2020, [letter](#) from the Legislature extends proclamations [20-37.1](#), [20-38.1](#), [20-39.1](#), [20-41.1](#), [20-42.1](#), [20-43](#), [20-44](#), [20-52](#) until May 31, 2020.

The statutory waivers and suspensions cited in [20-36.1](#) are extended until July 8, 2020.

- [20-36.2](#): Health Care Facilities and Hand Sanitizer
- [20-37.2](#): DSHS NAR Waiver
- [20-38.2](#): DSHS Facilities
- [20-39.2](#): Post-Retirement Employment
- [20-41.2](#): License Renewal Extension
- [20-42.2](#): Driver License Suspension
- [20-43.1](#): Annual Leave and Pay Procedures
- [20-44.1](#): Nursing Home Transfer or Discharge for COVID-19 Cohorting Purposes
- [20-52.1](#): Statewide Orders Relating to Long-Term Care

Fraudulent Unemployment Claims on the Rise

On a nationwide level, including in Washington State, there have been many reports that scammers are fraudulently applying for COVID-19 unemployment compensation. In addition, reports are surfacing of fake sites being set up to steal claimants' personal information. Employment Security would never request personal information, such as an individual's Social Security number, outside of the ESD secure internet site.

If you become aware of or suspect you have been a victim of unemployment fraud, you should report it to the ESD through one of the following methods:

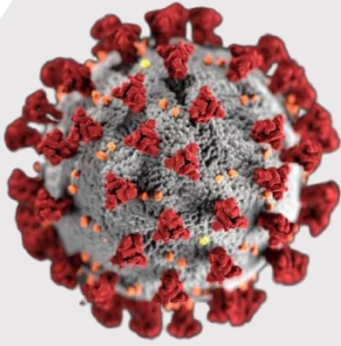
- Toll-free number: 800-246-9763
- Faxing a letter to: 360-902-9771
- Email esdfraud@esd.wa.gov (preferred method of notice)
- Completing an online benefits-fraud reporting form on ESD's website: <https://www.esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud>

Once you notify ESD of the fraudulent claim using one of the methods listed, ESD will respond with next steps.

If you become aware of or suspect you have been a victim of identity theft, it is recommended that you file a report with your local law enforcement. You can further report suspected employment-related fraud to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), information is available at their website: <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/employment-related-identity-theft>

On 40th Anniversary of Eruption, Visit Mount St. Helens Virtually

Forty years ago this month, Mount St. Helens erupted, killing 57 people, spewing forth 540 million tons of ash and changing our world forever. For many, the eruption date of May 18 is something they will always remember and visiting the volcano on that date has even become an annual trek. But, this year, state and federal officials are asking you to observe the volcano from a distance and to visit virtually with the many, many scientists and experts willing to share information and listen to your memories of what happened on May 18 and the years that followed. The gates on State Route 504 near Coldwater Lake will remain closed for the anniversary. Johnston Ridge Observatory and its visitor center will remain



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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**.

closed. The nearby visitor center run by the Washington State Parks will also remain closed. <https://mil.wa.gov/news/remember-mt-st-helens-40th-anniversary-virtually-this-year>.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 12, 2020)

| Case Count | Last Updated: 2:00 p.m. |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Confirmed | 2,720 |
| Probable | 279 |
| Deceased | 120 |

| Jurisdiction | Last Updated: 2:00 p.m. |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Arlington | 114 (85 recovered) |
| Bothell* | 198 (135 recovered) |
| Brier | 19 (15 recovered) |
| Darrington | <5 (<5 recovered) |
| Edmonds | 304 (210 recovered) |
| Everett | 861 (541 recovered) |
| Gold Bar | <5 (<5 recovered) |
| Granite Falls | 23 (17 recovered) |
| Index | 0 |
| Lake Stevens | 111 (93 recovered) |
| Lynnwood | 588 (371 recovered) |
| Marysville | 228 (158 recovered) |
| Mill Creek | 48 (34 recovered) |
| Monroe | 72 (57 recovered) |
| Mountlake Terrace | 99 (71 recovered) |
| Mukilteo | 53 (48 recovered) |
| Snohomish | 136 (108 recovered) |
| Stanwood | 92 (70 recovered) |
| Sultan | 8 (<5 recovered) |
| Tulalip | 17 (9 recovered) |
| Unknown/Other | <5 (<5 recovered) |
| Woodinville* | 12 (10 recovered) |
| Woodway | 7 (7 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.