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Wednesday, July 8, 2020

BUSINESSES URGED TO FILL OUT FORM DESIGNATING COVID-19 LEADS

Employers: Please let us know who your identified COVID-19 leads are within your organization for coordination with the Health District in case of a COVID-19 case or outbreak at your workplace.

EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER MARKS 100TH DAY WORKING COVID-19 CRISIS

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Businesses Urged to Fill Out Form Designating COVID-19 Leads

Under the state's Safe Start plan, businesses and other organizations are required to designate site supervisors for each location—indoor and outdoor—to monitor the health of employees and enforce the COVID-19 site safety plan. These supervisors also serve as liaisons to the Snohomish Health District should an employee test positive for COVID-19.

To help the Health District quickly identify those supervisors, an online form has been created at www.snohd.org/EmployerNotifications. The Health District is requesting that all employers in Snohomish County fill out the form, which identifies a primary and back-up contacts. Completing this form helps ensure organizations are contacted promptly, and through preferred channels of staff appropriately trained on what to do when contacted.

Information collected will only be used if an employee tests positive, or if another individual identifies that that location as a place they went while potentially contagious.

ATTN: EMPLOYERS

To better support you, please let us know who your identified COVID-19 leads are within your organization so they can partner with our public health team in the case of a COVID-19 outbreak at your workplace.

By completing the online form, you will have quicker access to our response team in order to support you and your ill employee(s), receive resources for your staff (including testing if needed), and determine ways to prevent further spread of COVID-19 within your organization.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONTACT FORM AT:
WWW.SNOHD.ORG/EMPLOYERNOTIFICATIONS



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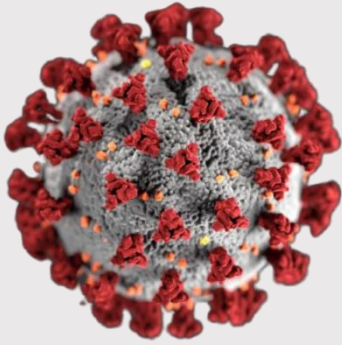


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Emergency Coordination Center Marks 100th Day Working COVID-19 Crisis

We've now passed a sobering milestone at the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management – the 100th day the county's Emergency Coordination Center has been activated to help focus the community's fight against COVID-19.





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SHD DRIVE-THRU TESTING FULL THIS WEEK

All appointments for the drive-thru COVID-19 testing coordinated by the Health District have been filled for this week. If people need to be tested sooner, other options remain available. Details at right.

INSLEE EXTENDS SAFE START UNTIL AUGUST 6

Gov. Jay Inslee extended the Safe Start proclamation until August 6. The extension also clarifies the interaction between Safe Start and the facial coverings order.

This is the longest the county's ECC has ever been continuously engaged to address a crisis. The center was activated in early March to support the Snohomish Health District, which has been working since late January to contain the spread of coronavirus. We are just days away from marking six months since the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the U.S. was diagnosed, right here in Everett.

During the 19 weeks the ECC has been activated, a total of 139 people from government agencies and nonprofits countywide have logged more than 21,300 hours combatting COVID-19 and the havoc it has created.

Some of that work has included:

- Finding and distributing more than 4 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use by first responders and people working in the healthcare communities.
- Making sure food and other assistance is reaching people struggling with the economic disruption caused by the global pandemic.
- Supporting stepped up public health initiatives, including testing for people believed infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, and ensuring everyone has a place to safely isolate and quarantine.

Emergency management is a team activity. In addition to the health district, our ECC partners so far have included staff from 16 different county departments; personnel from the cities of Everett, Arlington, Marysville, Mukilteo, Community Transit and Providence Regional Medical Center Everett; and representatives from numerous fire districts, including South County Fire, Snohomish County Fire District 7, Marysville Fire District, Darrington Fire and Tulalip Bay.

Everyone showed up to help because this is our community. We are dedicated to beating this virus.

Until then, we are **#InItTogether**

SHD Drive-Thru Testing Full This Week

All appointments for the drive-thru COVID-19 testing coordinated by the Health District have been filled for this week. An updated schedule for future testing will be provided at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing once it is finalized.

If people need to be tested sooner, other options remain available. They should contact their primary health care provider or local clinic to ask about testing. If they need urgent care, they should visit a hospital or urgent care clinic, or call 911 in an emergency.

It is important that anyone with symptoms of illness or who has been in contact with someone who is ill with COVID-19 stay home and away from others. Those who have been tested and are awaiting results must quarantine at home. This means not going to work, running errands, or having visitors over.

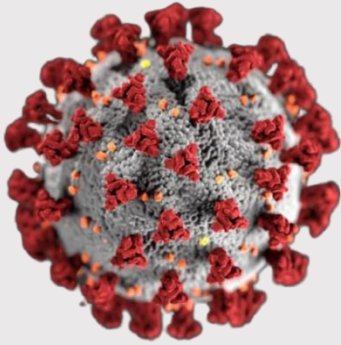
Inslee Extends Safe Start Until Aug. 6

Gov. Jay Inslee on Tuesday announced the extension of the Safe Start [proclamation](#) until August 6.

This extension clarifies the interaction between Safe Start and Department of Health Secretary John Wiesman's facial coverings [order](#). It includes:

- The Yakima County business prohibition is extended statewide: No business may operate, allow a customer to enter a business, or conduct in-person business with a customer in any public setting





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POP-UP BLOOD DONOR CENTER IN MARYSVILLE SATURDAY

Sign up to donate blood at The Grove Church in Marysville at the Bloodworks Northwest Pop-up Donor Center. Appointments required to donate.

unless the customer is wearing a face covering (as required, and with the exceptions outlined, in Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03);

- Individuals are prohibited from entering a place of business without wearing a face covering (again, per Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03); and
- Employers must notify the employer's local health jurisdiction within 24 hours if the employer suspects COVID-19 is spreading in the employer's workplace, or if the employer is aware of 2 or more employees who develop confirmed or suspected COVID-19 within a 14-day period.

The governor also announced [additional clarification](#) for restaurant and taverns in Phases 2 and 3. This comes as more counties move forward under Washington's [Safe Start recovery plan](#). Under this [guidance](#), bar-style seating and live music are hereby prohibited in Phase 2 and Phase 3.

Additionally, restaurants and taverns in Phase 2 or beyond are now permitted to resume self-service buffets, salad bars, salsa bars, and other similar communal food sources and drink stations, subject to business adherence to safety standards.

Find the full memo [here](#).

[Full list of current reopening guidance.](#)

Pop-up Blood Donor Center in Marysville Saturday

City of Marysville WA - government

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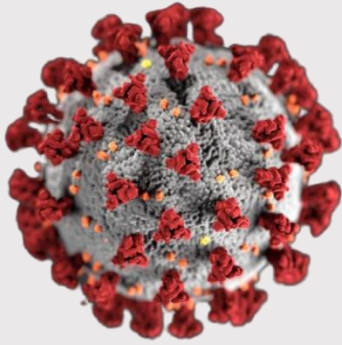
Let's save some lives in our community! Sign up to donate blood on Saturday, July 11 at the Pop-up Donor Center at The Grove Church. Every donation can help impact up to 3 lives!

Sign up today at www.bloodworksnw.org or call 1-800-398-7888 use sponsor code 515B

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UPDATES FROM EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

The Employment Security Department has provided updates on the work search requirement, waiting week, inbound call suspension, and resources available for job searchers.

EMPLOYER QUARTERLY WORKER'S COMPENSATION REPORTING DUE JULY 31; PENALTIES ON LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE WAIVED FOR UP TO 90 DAYS

The L&I Employer Assistance Program affords many employers some flexibility in payment of quarterly Worker's Compensation dues.

REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WEBINAR

The next webinar in the series offering specific information for small businesses will be July 16 at 1:30 p.m.

UW PROJECTS 208,255 U.S. DEATHS BY NOVEMBER, BUT ESTIMATE FALLS SHARPLY IF FACE COVERING USE INCREASES

University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) estimates a 22% decline in projected COVID-19 deaths if face coverings are widely worn. Link to the press release and projections at right.

Updates from Employment Security Department

Work search requirement, waiting week suspended through Aug. 1

Typically, unemployment insurance applicants must show that they are actively looking for work while collecting unemployment benefits. That requirement will remain suspended through Aug. 1. Claimants can continue to answer "no" to the job search question on their weekly claims until the suspension is lifted. Visit the ESD [job search requirement](#) page to check the status of this suspension as August 1 approaches. Also temporarily waived is the "waiting week", wherein claimants would normally not be paid following their first week of eligibility.

Inbound calls to Employment Security Department restricted through July 12

Inbound calls to the unemployment claims center will be limited to allow agents to focus on outbound calls to resolve complex issues for the longest-waiting customers. Customers can still submit weekly claims online or use the automated telephone system to file a weekly claim at 800-318-8400. Customers may also call the questions hotline for general unemployment questions unrelated to specific claims at 833-572-8400. Visit ESD's [FAQ page](#) for answers to common questions about returning to work.

Resources available for job searchers

The Employment Security Department offers a host of resources for job searchers. [WorkSourceWA](#) connects prospective workers with job opportunities and workshops. ESD [labor market resources](#) help workers identify in-demand career paths. The most recent [Top 25 Occupations](#) report, for example, identified high demand for registered nurses and software developers.

Employer Quarterly Worker's Compensation Reporting Due July 31; Penalties on Late Payments May be Waived for up to 90 Days

The L&I [Employer Assistance Program](#) acknowledges the burden of COVID-19 and affords many employers some flexibility in payment of quarterly dues. The quarterly report must still be filed by the July 31 deadline, but enrollment in the Employer Assistance Program may permit up to 90 additional days to pay. Contact [Collections Education & Outreach](#) and include your L&I account ID in your request to enroll in the Employer Assistance Program, or call 360-902-4817 to reach L&I Employer Services.

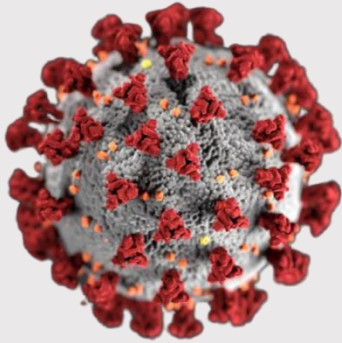
Requirements and Resources for Small Businesses Webinar

This webinar series offers information specific to small businesses and a panel of state agency representatives to respond to live Q&A on Unemployment Insurance (UI), Return to Work, Payroll Protection Program (PPP) – many things employers need to know. The next webinar will be held on [July 16 at 1:30 p.m.](#)

UW Projects 208,255 U.S. Deaths by November, but Estimate Falls Sharply if Face Covering Use Increases

University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) estimates 208,255 Americans will die from COVID-19 by November. However, the model indicates a 22% decline in projected deaths if face coverings are widely worn.

For more information please review IHME's [news release](#) and [projections](#).



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WSU TO BEGIN HUMAN TESTING FOR COVID-19

This week, WSU will start processing hundreds of daily tests on human samples for COVID-19.

LIVE DISCUSSION THURSDAY TO FOCUS ON HEALTH DISPARITIES DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

Rep. Suzan DelBene is hosting a Facebook live discussion on Thursday to explore disparities in COVID-19 infections and efforts underway to address racial inequities.

NIH LAUNCHES CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK TO TEST COVID-19 VACCINES AND OTHER PREVENTION TOOLS

The National Institutes of Health has established a new clinical trial network for the prevention of COVID-19. Details and link at right.

WSU to Begin Human Testing for COVID-19

Washington State University (WSU) will start processing hundreds of daily tests on human samples for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease known as COVID-19. The expanded testing at WSU begins this week and is part of the overall effort to safely re-open the economy in the state and the region.

For more information read WSU's [news release](#).



Live Discussion Thursday to Focus on Health Disparities During COVID-19 Crisis

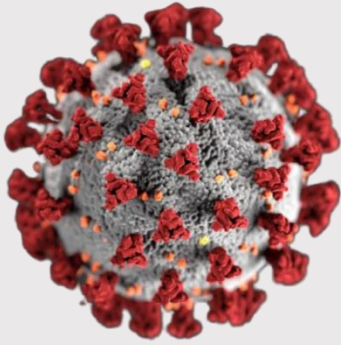
Rep. Suzan DelBene is scheduled to host a [Facebook live discussion](#) at 3 p.m. Thursday. The talk will explore disparities in COVID-19 infections in Washington and efforts underway to address racial inequities.

Joining Congresswoman Del Bene will be Christy Curwick Hoff, manager of the [Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities](#), and Paj Nandi, Director of Community Relations and Equity with the state Department of Health.

NIH Launches Clinical Trials Network to Test COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Prevention Tools

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, has established a new clinical trials network. The COVID-19 Prevention Trials Network (COVPN) aims to enroll thousands of volunteers in large-scale clinical trials testing a variety of investigational vaccines and monoclonal antibodies intended to protect people from COVID-19. One of four participating networks in the country is located in Seattle.

For more information please read NIH's [news release](#).



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IRS RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH OTHER LANGUAGES TO HELP TAXPAYERS STILL NEEDING TO FILE THEIR 2019 TAX RETURNS

IRS resources to help file 2019 tax returns by July 15 are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, and Haitian-Creole.

CHART RANKS ACTIVITY RISKS

The Texas Medical Association published a chart ranking various activities and the risk associated with contracting COVID-19. Link at right.

IRS Resources Available in English, Spanish and Other Languages to Help Taxpayers Still Needing to File Their 2019 Tax Returns

As the tax-filing deadline fast approaches, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers with limited English proficiency and who have yet to file their 2019 tax returns that there are a variety of ways to get help and information in languages other than English.

The IRS provides some tax information on its IRS.gov website in up to seven languages, including English, [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Vietnamese](#) and [Haitian-Creole](#).

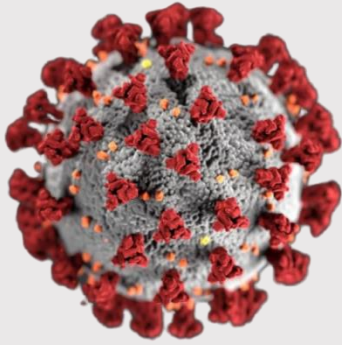
[See the full release](#) to see the list of resources available in languages other than English.

Chart Ranks Activity Risks

Physicians from the Texas Medical Association's COVID-19 Task Force and the Committee on Infectious Diseases published a chart ranking various activities and the risk associated with contracting COVID-19.

For more information review the [chart](#).





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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

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**.

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

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:15 p.m.
Confirmed	3,829 (up 21 cases from 7/7)
Probable	511 (up 0 from 7/7)
Death	176

Jurisdiction	
Arlington	170 (129 recovered)
Bothell*	294 (218 recovered)
Brier	25 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	417 (345 recovered)
Everett	1,284 (1,004 recovered)
Gold Bar	5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	32 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	183 (131 recovered)
Lynnwood	747 (648 recovered)
Marysville	380 (272 recovered)
Mill Creek	66 (55 recovered)
Monroe	112 (87 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	135 (118 recovered)
Mukilteo	77 (72 recovered)
Snohomish	210 (168 recovered)
Stanwood	135 (106 recovered)
Sultan	11 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	28 (24 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	16 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 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.