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Thursday, July 23, 2020

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

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Please visit the state's [Safe Start page](#) to stay up-to-date.

Modifications to Safe Start Plan

Restaurant, bars, taverns, breweries, wineries, and distilleries regardless of their ability to provide food services. These changes go into effect on July 30:

- Alcohol (beer, wine, spirits) service must end at 10:00 p.m. until Phase 4.
- Close down vending game areas (pool tables, darts, video games, etc.) until Phase 4.
- In Phase 3, table size reduced to 5 and occupancy reduced to 50% within restaurants.
- Bars are closed for indoor service. More information to come.
- Indoor dining is limited to members of the same household until Phase 4.

Fitness guidance includes the following changes, effective July 30:

- In Phase 2, only 5 individuals (not counting staff) are allowed for indoor fitness services. These individuals can participate in group fitness classes or exercise on their own.
- Reduce Phase 3 occupancy to 25% capacity. All group fitness classes are limited to no more than 10 (not counting the instructor).

Guidance for weddings and funerals (secular or non-secular). This guidance will be in effect beginning August 6 to provide people with upcoming events time to prepare accordingly:

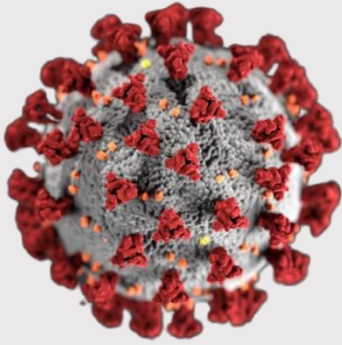
- During all phases, the maximum indoor occupancy is 20% capacity or up to 30 people, whichever is less, so long as six feet of physical distancing can be achieved between households.
- Only ceremonies are permitted while following all other parts of the faith based guidance.
- Receptions are prohibited.

Other changes to the Safe Start Plan:

- No indoor family entertainment/recreational centers (mini golf, bowling alleys, arcades, etc.) until Phase 4.
- No indoor card rooms until Phase 4.
- Indoor movie theaters limited to 25% occupancy as a Phase 3 activity.

Expansion of the DOH face covering order

Sec. John Wiesman announced an expansion of the DOH face covering order to include any common areas or shared spaces. This includes condominium hallways, hotel hallways, adult family homes, assisted living situations, and other similar areas. This order goes into effect Saturday, July 25.



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DON'T FORGET YOUR NOSE!

A new social media post from the Joint Information Center reminds you to cover both your nose and your mouth when wearing a face covering.

LYNNWOOD RENTAL RELIEF GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

Lynnwood has allocated \$200,000 in federal CARES Act funding to be put toward a community relief program to provide rental or mortgage assistance to Lynnwood residents negatively impacted by COVID-19. Lynnwood has partnered with the Communities of Color Coalition (C3) to help administer the rent relief grants.

Extension of the Statewide Eviction Moratorium

The governor also announced an extension of the statewide eviction moratorium until October 15 with more details to come. The governor's office will convene a group to work out potential changes to the order if additional extensions are needed.

Don't Forget Your Nose!

A new social media post from the Joint Information Center reminds you that it's important to cover both your mouth AND your nose when wearing a face covering. When worn the right way, face coverings can block respiratory droplets that may carry germs from reaching others.

More guidance on face coverings from the CDC: <https://bit.ly/CDCNoses>



Lynnwood Rental Relief Grants Now Available



The Lynnwood City Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$200,000 of the City's federal CARES Act funding to be put towards a community relief program to provide rental or

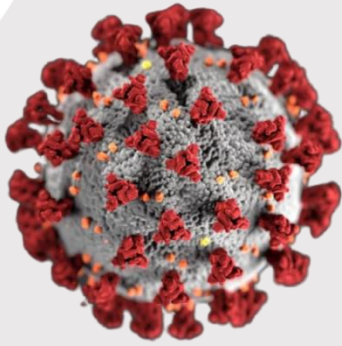
mortgage assistance to Lynnwood residents negatively impacted by COVID-19.

The City of Lynnwood is partnering with the Communities of Color Coalition (C3) to help administer these rent relief grants to our community members in need.

"Housing has been an ongoing area of focus for the City Council and our City Administration," stated Mayor Nicola Smith. "We wanted our relief efforts to be focused on keeping individuals and families in their homes during these difficult times."

"Communities of Color Coalition (C3) is proud to partner with the City of Lynnwood," stated C3 Executive Director Jacque Julien. "We are happy for





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SNOHOMISH CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANTS

The Snohomish City Council has authorized the mayor to distribute up to \$200,000 in grant funds for qualifying businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

the opportunity to be in service and support to our communities that have been deeply impacted by COVID-19. We are an equity-based community organization that recognizes, housing security as a public health concern."

Eligibility:

Must live inside city limits (check if your address is located inside City limits with our [Do I Live in Lynnwood](#) map.)

Can be used for rent or mortgage payments

Must demonstrate financial hardship due to COVID-19.

Application:

[Apply Now for Rental/Mortgage Assistance](#)

For more information on the program, visit Communities of Color Coalition website at www.c3Coalition.org/Lynnwood_covid-19 or call the C3 hotline at 206-742-5301 Extension 803. For more COVID-19 information and resources, visit LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19.

Snohomish City Council Unanimously Supports Small Business Recovery Grants



The Snohomish City Council unanimously approved Resolution 1413 authorizing the Mayor to distribute up to \$10,000 in grant funds for qualifying small businesses effected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Council authorized up to \$200,000 from the \$306,000 the City received of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act awarded to offset necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The grants will be awarded to small businesses that qualify on a reimbursement basis. Funds may be used for existing operating expenses, including business rent or mortgage, payroll, utilities, inventory, marketing, and improvements necessary to meet social distancing requirements. Documentation of expenses will be required to be submitted if a grant is awarded, and eligible expenses must be incurred within the time period of March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Businesses must have a brick and mortar location in the city and a current Snohomish business license to be eligible.

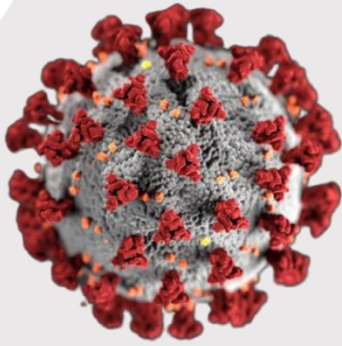
Funding is limited. Some applicants may not receive a grant. Priority will be given to businesses that did not receive Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Small Business Administration (SBA) funding of any kind – and that are still unable to open under the Safe Start Washington phased plan. Most applicants will receive a grant for an amount less than \$10,000.

Applications will be reviewed by staff and members of the Economic Development Committee. A funding recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council.

Details of eligibility and other program requirements can be found online at www.snohomishwa.gov. The deadline to submit an application is August 1, 2020.

For more information or additional details, contact Wendy Poischbeg, Economic Development and Communications Manager at poischbeg@snohomishwa.gov.





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FOUNDATION FOR EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES \$10K GRANT FROM ALBERTSONS COMPANIES FOUNDATION

Foundation for Edmonds School District announced it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Albertsons Companies Foundation for free meals and food assistance for children and families in south Snohomish County.

WEEKLY NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS REPORT SHOWS CLAIMS DECREASE IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATEWIDE

Employment Security Department reported that all claim types for unemployment benefits decreased from the previous week both statewide and in Snohomish County.

COMMERCE ANNOUNCES \$20 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANTS FOR TRIBES

Department of Commerce announced \$20 million in CARES Act funding is now available to the 29 federally recognized Tribes in the state to bolster their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each Tribe will receive \$380,000, plus additional funds based on an agreed formula based on Tribal employees and enrolled member data.

Foundation for Edmonds School District Receives \$10K grant from Albertsons Companies Foundation

The Foundation for Edmonds School District announced Wednesday that it received a \$10,000 grant from the Albertsons Companies Foundation. The grant will fund free meals and food assistance for children and families in South Snohomish County facing economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Read the full release [here](#).

Weekly New Unemployment Claims Report Shows Snohomish County Claims Decrease

Employment Security Department reported that all claim types for unemployment benefits decreased from the previous week. During the week of July 12 through July 18, there were 29,438 initial regular unemployment claims (down 27.3% from the prior week) and 673,444 total claims for all unemployment benefit categories (down 4.7% from the prior week) filed by Washingtonians, according to the Employment Security Department (ESD).

- Initial regular claims applications remain at unprecedented elevated levels and are at 536 percent above last year's weekly new claims applications.
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) initial claims as well as continued/ongoing claims all decreased over the previous week.

ESD paid out over \$493.6 million for 430,737 individual claims – an increase of \$4.8 million and 7,193 more individuals compared to the prior week.

In Snohomish County, initial regular claims filed decreased from 4,614 to 3,499, down 24% from the week before.

Read the full release [here](#).

Commerce Announces \$20 Million in Emergency Response Grants for Tribes

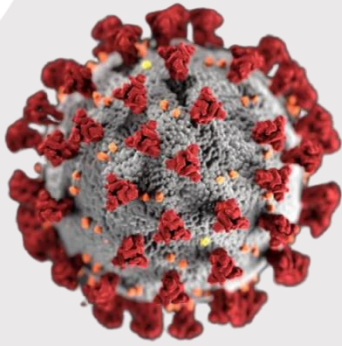
The Washington State Department of Commerce announced \$20 million in emergency Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding is now available to the 29 federally recognized Tribes in the state to bolster their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Tribe will receive \$380,000. The remaining \$7.98 million will be allocated based on an agreed formula based on Tribal employees and enrolled member data.

The funds are eligible for expenses and activities to support Tribal emergency response to the COVID19 pandemic. This includes public health response, Tribal emergency response staff, medical facilities and telehealth capabilities, business and job support programs, and social supports such as food and housing.

This funding is in addition to \$10 million in state emergency funds [released](#) to support the Tribes in March and April.

More information about the Tribal grants is [posted here](#) on Department of Commerce's website, under the "COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant for Tribal Governments" section.



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UPDATES FROM EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Employment Security provided updates on the federal \$600 weekly unemployment benefit that will expire on July 25, how unemployment benefits are back-paid in cases of adjudication or processing delay, and other state and federal unemployment insurance programs that continue to be active.

SMALL BUSINESS WEBINARS REVIEW COVID-19 RELATED RELIEF, RESOURCES, AND REQUIREMENTS

This webinar series presented by Washington state is designed specifically for small businesses and is available in English and Spanish.

PANDEMIC HURTING AMERICANS' FINANCES IN DISPARATE WAYS

A new study by NORC at the University of Chicago found that COVID-19 is having different effects on Americans' economic well-being.

Updates from Employment Security Department

Federal \$600 weekly unemployment benefit scheduled to conclude July 25

The federal [CARES Act](#) created the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation ("FPUC") program that provides \$600 a week in addition to the weekly amount claimants received from other Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs. These federal benefits will conclude on July 25 without new legislation from Congress that is signed by the President, meaning that this week will be the final week in which the additional \$600 is paid to claimants.

Unemployment benefits are back-paid in case of adjudication or processing delay

Claims that require adjudication or additional processing will not miss out on benefits. If a claim is adjudicated in favor of the claimant, benefits will be paid back to the date of eligibility. Eligibility for federal benefits will not be lost if a claim is adjudicated favorably. Although the FPUC program is to conclude this week, claimants eligible for benefits between Mar. 29 and July 25 will be back-paid their weekly benefit amount and the extra \$600 a week to their date of eligibility once their claim is resolved - even if the program is not extended. Learn more about [Operation 100 and adjudications](#).

Other state and federal unemployment insurance programs remain active

State UI benefits, as well as other benefits created by the CARES Act like Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA, which expands eligibility) or Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC, which provides 13 additional benefit weeks for eligible claimants), will continue.

Small Business Webinars Review COVID-19 Related Relief, Resources and Requirements

This [webinar series](#) reviews information specific to Washington small businesses. A panel of state and federal partners is present to respond to live Q&A regarding unemployment insurance, returning employees to the workplace, relief funding, workplace safety measures and other topics important to employers. The next English-language webinar will be held on [July 30 at 1:30 p.m.](#), and Spanish-language webinars will be held on [July 28 at 5:30 p.m. and July 30 at 8:30 a.m.](#)

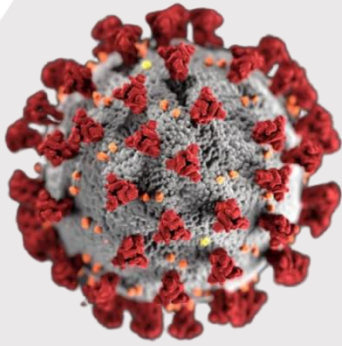
Pandemic Hurting Americans' Finances in Disparate Ways

A new study found that COVID-19 is having different effects on Americans' economic well-being. For some, the virus has meant lost income or struggles to pay bills on time — particularly among Hispanic, Black, and younger Americans. Others, most notably college-educated and older Americans, have transitioned to working from home or have experienced the nation's economic decline through a dip in the value of their investments.

Overall, roughly a quarter of Americans say they have lost savings and about as many have lost income, according to the latest [COVID Response Tracking Study](#), conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. About 2 in 10 report losing a job and roughly another 2 in 10 say they have put themselves at risk of exposure to the virus for work.

Meanwhile, the survey also finds about a third of Americans say their investments were negatively impacted during the pandemic. About a quarter say they have had to change their work routine, including having to work from home.

For more information please read the [study](#).



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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.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of July 23, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:46 p.m.
Confirmed	4,620 (up 60 cases from 7/22)
Probable	560 (up 1 from 7/22)
Deaths	181

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:46 p.m.
Arlington	216 (139 recovered)
Bothell*	379 (249 recovered)
Brier	28 (23 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	462 (367 recovered)
Everett	1,497 (1,104 recovered)
Gold Bar	6 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	36 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	232 (147 recovered)
Lynnwood	855 (672 recovered)
Marysville	436 (330 recovered)
Mill Creek	84 (56 recovered)
Monroe	172 (99 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	152 (124 recovered)
Mukilteo	86 (72 recovered)
Snohomish	287 (180 recovered)
Stanwood	155 (115 recovered)
Sultan	19 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	41 (25 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	23 (13 recovered)
Woodway	9 (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.