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Thursday, April 23, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County leaders will provide an update on the COVID-19 response. Link to view the press conference when it is posted is at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SAFE TEAM HAS REACHED MORE THAN 150 VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

In just the first week of operation, Snohomish County's SAFE team has reached more than 150 of the County's most vulnerable residents. Details and video at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FUNDS THE SNOHOMISH MUSIC PROJECT TO PROVIDE FREE MUSIC THERAPY DURING COVID-19

Snohomish County Music Project is able to offer remote music therapy sessions through video chat at no cost to you during the COVID-19 pandemic. More details at right.

EVERETT APPROVES EMERGENCY BUDGET REDUCTIONS

The Everett City Council approved emergency budget reductions impacting nearly all City departments in an effort to address a projected \$11.4 million to \$21.1 million revenue loss.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide Update on COVID-19 Response

County Executive Dave Somers, Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Kim Williams, Chair, Future Workforce Alliance; CEO, Providence Health & Services Northwest, will hold a virtual press conference tomorrow morning to address the county's response to COVID-19.

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

Snohomish County SAFE Team Has Reached More Than 150 Vulnerable Residents

Snohomish County's SAFE team (Snoco Agencies for Engagement) launched one week ago to expand outreach efforts to people experiencing homelessness. The team has reached more than 150 of the County's most-vulnerable residents within the first week of this new pilot program.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) has created a [video](#) for social media highlighting this joint community effort.

To learn more about the SAFE Team please read Snohomish County's [press release](#).

Snohomish County Funds the Snohomish Music Project to Provide Free Music Therapy During COVID-19

Due to generous funding from a county grant, Snohomish County Music Project is able to offer remote music therapy sessions through video chat at no cost to you during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Music therapy can help reduce anxiety, increase self-awareness, gain insight, develop thinking and problem-solving skills, develop tools for regulating mood, build skills that help you connect with others, cope with and process feelings of loss, and cope with sudden life changes and transitions. Music therapy can be effective for people who don't respond to other types of treatment and is personalized and tailored to your specific needs.

For more information, contact the [Snohomish County Music Project](mailto:info@scmusicproject.org) at info@scmusicproject.org or 425-258-1605.

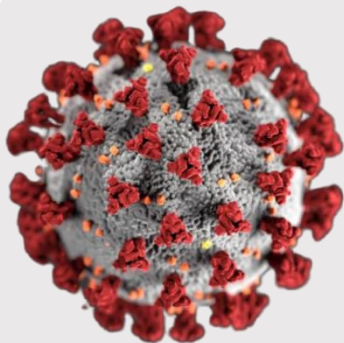
Everett Approves Emergency Budget Reductions

Everett is facing a loss in revenue for 2020 that is currently forecast to range between \$11.4 million and \$21.1 million.

The \$3.4 million in General Fund reductions approved by the Everett City Council reflect cuts in nearly every City department, with especially deep cuts to Parks and Recreation and municipal arts programs.

Emergency budget reductions include, but are not limited to:

- Forest Park Swim Center will remain closed until further notice.
- Carl Gipson Senior Center will remain closed until further notice.
- Eliminating recreation programs, including, but not limited to: the Animal Farm, fitness and wellness classes, softball and baseball leagues, and sports and summer day camps.
- Eliminating the annual Viva Color flower program and reducing the Jetty Island program.



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BOTHELL ANNOUNCES CITY PLAN FOR COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Information on the actions taken by the City of Bothell to address a \$5.4 million projected shortfall in its general fund is at right.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH SUSPENDS WATER SHUT OFF DURING EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Details of the suspension of water shut offs during the Emergency Declaration are at right.

WEBINAR ON STAYING CONNECTED AND INVOLVED WHILE PHYSICAL DISTANCING: A WASHINGTON STATE CONVERSATION

Join a FREE webinar focused on learning new ways to connect and support each other while physically distancing. Details and registration link at right.

- Discontinuing a significant portion of municipal arts events and programs, including, but not limited to: the Fourth of July parade and festival, Music in Parks, Cinema under the Stars, Word on the Street, and Street Tunes. Annual arts grants will be suspended.
- Reducing library services.
- Reducing labor and maintenance and operations costs.

For a complete list of emergency budget reductions, community members can view a recording of the April 22 council meeting and the meeting agenda at everettwa.gov/council.

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

Bothell Announces City Plan for COVID-19 Financial Impacts

With a \$5.4M projected shortfall in its general fund just this year, Bothell's leadership is considering and evaluating all options to determine how city services might be reimagined, decreased, or eliminated altogether.

Actions already taken include:

- Paused all hiring and overtime, with specific position exceptions
- Scrutinized operational budget to cut spending and look for efficiencies
- Frozen all travel and training
- Executive Management Team voluntarily agreed to a 10% furlough, effective May 1st, resulting in salary decreases
- Non-union staff will now also be taking a 10% furlough and positions have been identified for layoff
- Initiated discussions with unions to discuss organization furloughs, layoffs and other cost saving measures

Bothell also announced the cancelation of annual events, including but not limited to:

- 4th of July Freedom Festival
- Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
- Music in the Park
- Sustainamania
- Just Kidding Around Concert series
- Blyth Park Family Campouts.
- All summer recreation classes and summer camps are also canceled.

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

City of Snohomish Suspends Water Shut Off During Emergency Declaration

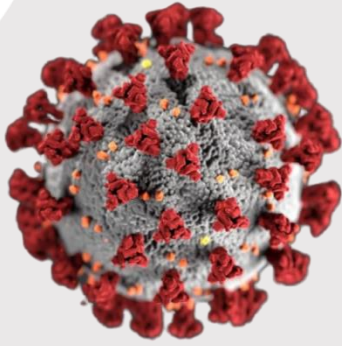
The City of Snohomish is taking the following steps to help our residential and business customers who might be worried about paying their bills:

- The City will not shut off water services during this Emergency Declaration.
- The City is encouraging everyone to either pay their bills on-line or use the drop box located on the south side of City Hall.
- The City will work with customers who may fall behind on their utility bills to set up a [payment arrangement](#) plan.

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

Webinar on Staying Connected and Involved While Physical Distancing: A Washington State Conversation

Please join a FREE webinar focused on ways to build and maintain meaningful connections during this period of isolation and beyond.



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COVID-19 GROCERY SHOPPING TIPS FROM DOH

The traditional display of flags at Arlington Municipal Cemetery has been canceled by the Arlington American Legion Post 76. More details at right.

PRICE GOUGING AND EVICTION COMPLAINTS IN WASHINGTON

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General has reported new numbers on the complaints filed for price gouging and evictions. Graphics breaking down the complaints filed and links to file complaints are at right.

This webinar is open to a broad community audience, including schools, tribes, people with lived experience, families, community leaders, faith communities, elected officials, behavioral health provider groups, and others who are interested in learning new ways to connect and support each other while physically distancing.

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information and to register click [here](#).

COVID-19 Grocery Shopping Tips from DOH

The Washington State Department of Health released the below graphic to provide tips for grocery shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic. The image is available for download in PDF format [here](#).

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 Grocery Shopping Tips



 <p>BEFORE YOU GO</p>	<p>Only make needed trips. Be extra cautious if you or a loved one is more likely to get sick from COVID-19.</p>  <p>Don't go to the store if you are sick.</p>	<p>Wash your hands.</p>  <p>Consider ordering groceries online for pick up or delivery.</p> 	<p>Check for special hours.</p>  <p>Many stores have special hours for people over 60, pregnant people, and people with medical conditions to shop.</p>
 <p>AT THE STORE</p>	<p>Wear a cloth face covering. A cloth face covering is a sewn mask or a piece of fabric covering your mouth and nose.</p> 	<p>Use hand sanitizer. You can clean the handles of the grocery cart or basket with hand sanitizer or an antiseptic wipe.</p> 	<p>Keep your distance. Keep 6 feet of space between you and others, even in the checkout line.</p> 
 <p>WHEN YOU GET HOME</p>	<p>Cover your coughs and sneezes.</p> 	<p>Don't touch your face.</p> 	<p>Save some for your neighbors. Purchase only what you need so there will be enough for everyone.</p>
	<p>Wash your hands.</p> 	<p>Practice food safety. Don't disinfect your groceries. Wash your fruit and vegetables as you normally would.</p> 	<p>For more information Visit doh.wa.gov/coronavirus or coronavirus.wa.gov. Call 1-800-525-0127 and press # for interpreter services. Text Coronavirus to 211211.</p>

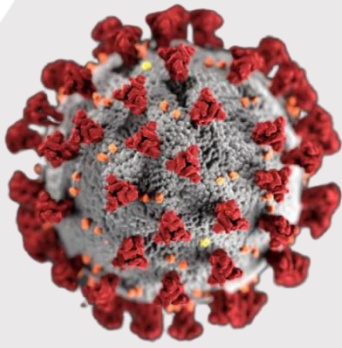


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To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email civil.rights@doh.wa.gov.

Price Gouging and Eviction Complaints in Washington

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General (AG) reports 954 complaints filed for price gouging and 747 complaints related to evictions. If you suspect price gouging you may file a complaint [here](#). If you are experiencing an eviction you may file a complaint [here](#).





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OSPI ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE ON GRADING FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction issued a document and video to explain the new grading framework to be applied for the 2019-2020 school year. No "Fs" will be awarded.

UW, MICROSOFT RELEASE CORONAVIRUS CONTACT-TRACING APP

The new CovidSafe app was developed with input from public health officials and contact-tracing teams. More information about the app is at right.



OSPI Issues New Guidance on Grading for the 2019-2020 School Year

During school facility closures, Superintendent Reykdal has eliminated pass/fail grading as a matter of state policy. This [statewide framework](#) will create more consistency across the state, but districts will still decide which letter grade system to use. However, "F"s will not be an option.

A video explaining the framework is available [here](#).

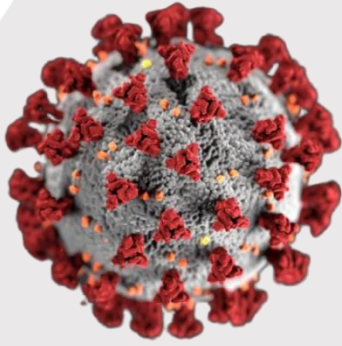
UW, Microsoft Release Coronavirus Contact-Tracing App

Researchers from the University of Washington and UW Medicine, along with volunteers from Microsoft, have developed a new tool, [CovidSafe](#). This contact-tracing app, developed with input from public health officials and contact tracing teams, would alert people about potential exposure to COVID-19 without giving up anyone's privacy. This app could also help individuals who test positive prepare for a contact tracing interview with a public health official.

CovidSafe is not ready to be downloaded from app stores, but an Android demo version is accessible through the [team's website](#). Users who try the demo version, which doesn't have full functionality yet, can submit feedback to the team.

CovidSafe aims to augment — not replace — conventional contact tracing, which public health officials do by interviewing patients who've tested positive about where they have been and who they have

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



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HOME SAFETY TIPS

Safe Kids Worldwide and Washington State Department of Health have published excellent home safety tips now that we are spending more time at home. Links to the information is at right.

IRS ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

The IRS is regularly updating the frequently asked questions pages on IRS.gov as it relates to Economic Impact Payments. More details at right.

Home Safety Tips

Children are spending more time at home and may be at increased risk for injury during a period when the healthcare system is already strained, and a trip to an emergency room or urgent care facility may pose an increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. Safe Kids Worldwide has many [tips and resources](#) available, including a [safety checklist](#) to help prevent injuries and keep kids safe.

It's also important for adults to consider the safety of a home, especially when we're spending so much time inside while practicing social distancing. Washington State's Department of Health (DOH) recently published a [blog post](#) with some considerations for keeping our immediate environments healthy and safe. The National Council on Aging has [suggestions specifically for older adults trying to stay active and safe](#) while remaining at home.

IRS Answers Questions About Economic Impact Payments

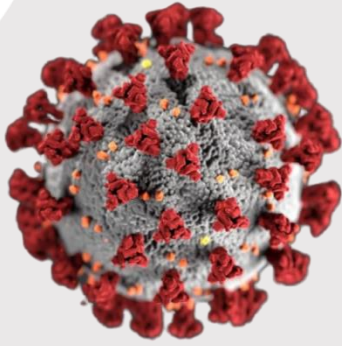
The IRS is regularly updating the [Economic Impact Payment](#) and the [Get My Payment tool](#) frequently asked questions pages on [IRS.gov](#) as more information becomes available. Here are some of the most common questions:

- How are payments calculated and where will they be sent?
- What if the IRS doesn't have the taxpayer's direct deposit information?
- Can taxpayers who aren't required to file a tax return receive a payment?
- Can taxpayers who haven't filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 still receive a payment?
- I received an additional \$500 in 2020 for my qualifying child. However, he just turned 17. Will I have to pay back the \$500 next year when I file my 2020 tax return?

Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 23, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Confirmed	2,240
Probable	196
Deceased	98

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Arlington	92
Bothell*	158
Brier	17
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	254
Everett	675
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	22
Index	0
Lake Stevens	99
Lynnwood	458
Marysville	180
Mill Creek	42
Monroe	59
Mountlake Terrace	82
Mukilteo	51
Snohomish	120
Stanwood	81



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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**.

Sultan	5
Tulalip	8
Unknown/Other	9
Woodinville*	12
Woodway	7

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.

More Social Distancing  **More People Back to Work**

- ✓ IF NOT AT WORK, STAY HOME EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES.
- ✓ IF YOU ARE AT WORK, FOLLOW YOUR EMPLOYER'S SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.
- ✓ IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME.
- ✓ WEAR A FACE COVERING IF UNABLE TO STAY AT LEAST SIX FEET APART FROM OTHERS.
- ✓ WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY.