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Monday, April 13, 2020

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE**

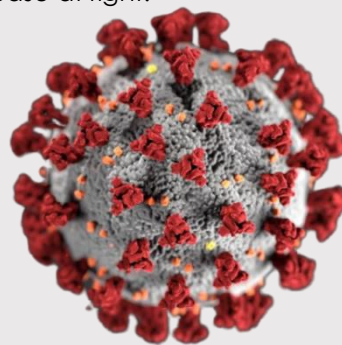
Tomorrow, Snohomish County will provide an update on the COVID-19 response. Link to the press conference is at right.

## **WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCE WESTERN STATES PACT**

Washington, Oregon, and California have agreed to work together on a shared approach for reopening the economies. Details at right.

## **WASHINGTON STATE IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE NUMBER OF INCARCERATED IN STATE CORRECTIONS FACILITIES**

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## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING**

### **Snohomish County Provides Update on COVID-19 Response**

The Joint Information Center will host a Zoom press conference tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. with Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish Health District Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Shaughn Maxwell, Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services for South County Fire.

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

### **Washington, Oregon, and California Announce Western States Pact**

Washington, Oregon, and California have agreed to work together on a shared approach for reopening the economies – one that identifies clear indicators for communities to restart public life and business. While each state is building a state-specific plan, the three states have agreed to the following principles as they build out a West Coast framework:

- **Our residents' health comes first.** As home to one in six Americans and gateway to the rest of the world, the West Coast has an outsized stake in controlling and ultimately defeating COVID-19.
- **Health outcomes and science – not politics – will guide these decisions.** Modifications to our states' stay at home orders must be made based off our understanding of the total health impacts of COVID-19, including: the direct impact of the disease on our communities; the health impact of measures introduced to control the spread in communities —particularly felt by those already experiencing social disadvantage prior to COVID-19; and our health care systems' ability to ensure care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions. This effort will be guided by data. We need to see a decline in the rate of spread of the virus before large-scale reopening, and we will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this.
- **Our states will only be effective by working together.** Each state will work with its local leaders and communities within its borders to understand what's happening on the ground and adhere to our agreed upon approach.

COVID-19 does not follow state or national boundaries. It will take every level of government, working together, and a full picture of what is happening on the ground. In the coming days the governors, their staff and health officials will continue conversations about this regional pact to recovery. Read Governor Inslee's full statement [here](#).

### **State Implementing Strategies to Reduce the Number of Incarcerated Individuals in State Corrections Facilities**

In response to the Washington State Supreme Court order "to take all necessary steps to protect the health and safety" of incarcerated individuals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Inslee today announced strategies to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals in state corrections facilities. The strategies focus on the early release of vulnerable populations, including nonviolent individuals who

## GOVERNOR INSLEE ANNOUNCES NEW PROTECTIONS FOR OLDER AND HIGH-RISK WORKERS

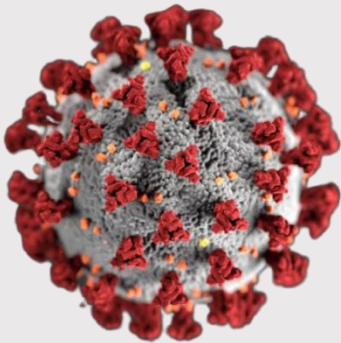
Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation today giving older workers and those with underlying health conditions a series of rights and protections without jeopardizing their employment status or loss of income. Details at right.

## NEW DOH BLOG: DO'S AND DON'TS OF STAYING AT HOME

The link to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) new blog post on the Do's and Don'ts of Staying Home is at right.

## NIH BEGINS STUDY TO QUANTIFY UNDETECTED CASES OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has begun a study to determine how many adults in the U.S. without a confirmed history of infection with SARS-CoV-2 have antibodies to the virus. What they are looking for and how to sign up is at right.



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are due to be released within the coming weeks and months. The plan will focus on individuals incarcerated for nonviolent and drug- or alcohol-related offenses, as well as people held on lower-level supervision violations.

The early release will reduce the population of incarcerated individuals by up to 950 people. Some incarcerated individuals will be released through commutation, others will be released into a modified graduated reentry program. Full release [here](#).

## Governor Inslee Announces New Protections for High-Risk Workers

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation today giving older workers and those with underlying health conditions a series of rights and protections without jeopardizing their employment status or loss of income. The rights and protections include:

- The choice of an alternative work assignment, including telework, alternative or remote work locations if feasible, and social distancing measures.
- The ability to use any accrued leave or unemployment benefits if an alternative work assignment is not feasible and the employee is unable to safely work. Employers must maintain health insurance benefits while high risk employees are off the job.
- Employers are prohibited from permanently replacing high-risk employees.

The full release is [here](#).

## New DOH Blog: Do's and Don'ts of Staying at Home

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released a new blog post of the do's and don'ts of staying home to stay healthy:

- ✓ **Do:** Walk!
- ✗ **Don't:** Drive to your walk
- ✓ **Do:** Celebrate important holidays with the people who live in your household
- ✗ **Don't:** Have friends or family over
- ✓ **Do:** Garden
- ✗ **Don't:** Buy more than two weeks' worth of groceries and supplies at a time
- ✓ **Do:** Protect yourself and the community while traveling to get essentials
- ✗ **Don't:** Make unnecessary trips
- ✓ **Do:** Your part

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

## NIH Begins Study to Quantify Undetected Cases of Coronavirus Infection

National Institutes of Health (NIH) has begun a new study to determine how many adults in the United States without a confirmed history of infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), have antibodies to the virus.

Volunteers will be provided with detailed instructions to collect and submit a microsample of blood using an FDA approved at home blood collection kit.

To participate, volunteers must meet the following requirements:

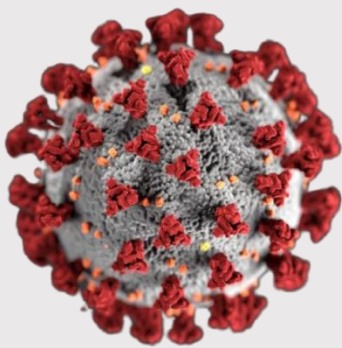
- Over the age of 18
- Living in the United States

## CDC ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE ON KEEPING ESSENTIAL WORKERS HEALTHY

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidance to ensure that essential services continue by keeping essential workers healthy. See details at right.

## FREE INTERNET ESSENTIALS FOR 60 DAYS AND DISCOUNTED COMPUTERS

Comcast is offering families and other low-income households that currently do not subscribe to internet at home two months of free internet service through the Internet Essentials program. Additional details and links at right.



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## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

- Complete a verbal telephone consent, undergo one blood draw or at-home blood collection and have blood samples stored for future research
- Individuals who suspect they have recovered from COVID-19, but never accessed laboratory testing while ill or who have never had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are eligible to participate

Interested in enrolling? Contact [clinicalstudiesunit@nih.gov](mailto:clinicalstudiesunit@nih.gov). For more information please read NIH's [news release](#).

## CDC Issues New Guidance on Keeping Essential Workers Healthy

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released guidance to ensure that essential services continue by keeping essential workers healthy.

The CDC recommends the following practices for essential workers who have had an exposure to COVID-19 but remain asymptomatic:

- **Take Temperature:** Employers should measure the employee's temperature and assess symptoms prior to them starting work. Ideally, temperature checks should happen before the individual enters the facility.
- **Wear a Mask:** The employee should wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure. Employers can issue facemasks or can approve employees' supplied cloth face coverings in the event of shortages.
- **Social Distance:** The employee should maintain 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- **Disinfect and Clean work spaces:** Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment routinely.

For additional information, please read CDC's [guidance](#).

## Free Internet Essentials for 60 Days and Discounted Computers

Internet Essentials is a program for families and other low-income households who currently do not subscribe to Internet at home. Through this program, Comcast is offering new customers two months of free internet service in response to the Coronavirus emergency. Comcast is also offering Internet Essentials customers the option to purchase a laptop or desktop computer at a [discounted price](#).

For more information please visit Comcast's Internet Essentials [webpage](#).

In addition, Comcast has made Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. A map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, can be found at [www.xfinity.com/wifi](http://www.xfinity.com/wifi).

## Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 13, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:06 p.m.
Confirmed	1,907

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 **Coronavirus** to **211-211**

Probable	121
Deceased	73

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:06 p.m.
Arlington	85
Bothell*	145
Brier	15
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	204
Everett	558
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	16
Index	0
Lake Stevens	80
Lynnwood	334
Marysville	158
Mill Creek	31
Monroe	51
Mountlake Terrace	69
Mukilteo	48
Snohomish	109
Stanwood	75
Sultan	<5
Tulalip	6
Unknown/Other	17
Woodinville*	11
Woodway	6

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.