



# COVID-19 Daily Update

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With information regarding COVID-19 continually being updated, I've decided to publish this newsletter daily to share what we know with the residents of Renton. In each edition our team will bring you the latest updates from around the city as well as information from state and federal officials and agencies.

## City to close all facilities to the public

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and until further notice, all city facilities, including City Hall, will be closed to the public for all city services except attendance at court hearings.

Under court order, only in-custody jail hearings are currently being held. Instructions will be posted at City Hall explaining how to access custody court hearings.

Health Screenings will be implemented for employees at all facilities and for court attendees at city hall per [CDC guidelines](#) starting March 17.

The city continues to provide most services through alternative means, including telephone and online services. More information available at [rentonwa.gov/COVID-19](http://rentonwa.gov/COVID-19).

### Update on city functions:

#### City Hall

- CDC guidelines for screening employees will be implemented at all facilities starting March 17. Health screening questions will be asked.
- Individuals attending in-custody court hearings at City Hall will be screened.
- Increased frequency for disinfecting common spaces, counters and door handles in all facilities throughout our hours of operation.
- Compiled list of resources for [businesses and employers](#).
- Created [COVID-19](#) page with links to information and prevention.
- Enacted a telework policy for eligible employees until further notice.

#### City Council

- [Meetings](#) on March 16 and 23 will be by teleconference.
- Subcommittee meetings are cancelled.
- Meetings are live on Channel 21 in Renton and [streamed online](#).
- Residents are encouraged to engage with councilmembers and submit comments via [cityclerk@rentonwa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rentonwa.gov) or by mail to Renton City Hall, c/o City Clerk, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

#### Donations

- Puget Sound Blood Bank is short on supplies. Find a [donation event](#).

#### Economic Development

- [Small Business Administration](#) is offering disaster assistance to Washington small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

#### Facilities/Services

- These [facilities](#) are closed at least through April 24: Renton Community Center, Renton Senior Activity Center, Highlands Community Center, North Highlands Community Center and Renton History Museum.
- Lunch program continues at [Senior Activity Center](#). Seniors (50+) can drive through and pick up a sack lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Healthcare

- [Valley Medical Center](#) has a page dedicated to COVID-19.

#### Human Services

- Individuals affected by COVID-19 and needing help with rent and utility support can contact [Crisis Connections \(211\)](#).

#### Municipal Courts

- Continuing all [non-essential hearings](#) until a later date.
- [Hearing cases](#) on the jail calendar.
- Instructions will be posted at City Hall explaining how to access custody court hearings.

#### Online Payments

- Business licenses, pet licenses, courts, tax and licensing and utility bills can all be paid [online](#).

#### Permitting

- [Permit counter](#) is closed to the public until further notice. Applicants should use [online options](#) for payments and tracking applications.

#### Police Department

- [Procedures updated](#) on March 13.
- Closed the police department lobby at city hall. Exterior walk-up window is open.
- Non-emergency reporting: 425-235-2121.

#### Public Works

- The Maintenance Facility is closed to the public.
- To request service or report a problem call 425-430-7400 on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- After normal business hours, call the Renton Police Department dispatch at 425-430-7500 (option #8) to request assistance from an on-call representative. If the problem is an emergency, please call 911.
- Residents can also use the [Renton Responds](#) app.

#### Recreation

- All classes, event and activities closed at least through April 24.
- The [Maplewood Golf Course](#) and Driving Range remains open. The River Rock Grill is temporarily closed.
- We do encourage informal use of [Parks and Trails](#) and continue to recommend social distancing and proper hand washing.

#### Renton Schools

- [Renton schools](#) are closed until at least April 24.

#### Renton Municipal Airport

- Currently closed to the public.
- For general information, please visit their [website](#) or call 425-430-7471 (Admin) or 206-423-3715 (Maintenance).

## Statewide actions

- [March 16](#) - Governor issues statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars and limits on size of gatherings expanded.
- [March 13](#) - Governor expands school closure/gathering ban statewide.

## Important Links

- [Public Health - Seattle & King County](#)
- [King County Emergency news](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)