



COVID-19 Daily Update

from Mayor Armondo Pavone



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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.

Vehicle noise restrictions lifted

Last night I issued [Emergency Order #2020-2](#) which prohibits enforcement of city noise restrictions on vehicles. This will allow those retail, grocery, pharmaceutical and food retailers to receive deliveries at nighttime. With so many people heeding the advice of experts and staying home, those shops are seeing increased demand and this will help them keep supplied.

[King County Council](#) compiled links to information on unemployment, workers' comp, help with rent/mortgage, utilities, student loans, food assistances, insurance & businesses.

Update on city functions. **New/updated information is in red.**

City Hall

- All city facilities are closed to the public until further notice. Most services available via telephone and [online](#).
- Individuals are allowed to attend in-custody court hearings at City Hall, but they will be asked health screening questions.
- CDC guidelines for screening employees has been implemented. Health screening questions will be asked.
- Increased frequency for disinfecting common spaces, counters and door handles in all facilities throughout our hours of operation.
- Created [COVID-19](#) page with links to information and prevention.
- Enacted a telework policy for eligible employees until further notice.

City Council

- **Meeting on March 23 will be by teleconference.**
- Subcommittee meetings are cancelled.
- Meetings are live on Channel 21 in Renton and [streamed online](#).
- Submit comments to councilmembers via cityclerk@rentonwa.gov or 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

- CED has compiled list of resources for [businesses and employers](#).
- [Small Business Administration](#) is offering disaster assistance loan to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- [King County Council](#) **collected information on unemployment, workers' comp, rent/mortgage, utilities, student loans, food assistance, insurance & businesses.**

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.
- City Hall and Public Works shops are closed to the public until further notice.

Healthcare

- [Valley Medical Center](#) has a COVID-19 page with updates.

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 posted at City Hall explaining access to in-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 can use [online options](#) for payments and tracking applications.

Police Department

- [Procedures updated](#) on March 13.
- Department lobby at city hall is closed. Exterior walk-up window is open.
- Only use 911 for emergencies; Non-emergencies: 425-235-2121.
- [Public Health - Seattle & King County](#) **handles complaints of crowds of 50 or more.**

Public Works

- Maintenance facility is closed to the public until further notice.
- To request service or report a problem call 425-430-7400 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- After normal business hours, call 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 report via [Renton Responds](#).

Recreation

- All classes, event and activities closed at least through April 24.
- **Registrations through April 26 will be cancelled.**
- **Refunds processing for March cancellations; April to follow.**
- The [Maplewood Golf Course](#) and driving range is open. The River Rock Grill is closed until further notice.
- Informal use of [Parks and Trails](#) is encouraged. Follow recommended 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 until further notice.
- General information is on their [website](#) or by calling 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](#)
- [Governor's Coronavirus resources](#)
- [Washington State Coronavirus Response: resources in multiple languages](#)