



COVID-19 Update

from Mayor Armondo Pavone



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With information regarding COVID-19 continually being updated, I've decided to publish this newsletter 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 county, state and federal officials and agencies.

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Renton Complete Count Committee and Renton Census Ambassadors volunteers have used several creative ways to promote the importance of the 2020 Census.

Census 2020 count has been a community effort

Our effort to ensure all Renton residents are counted in the [2020 Census](#) has truly been a community-wide effort.

For me it all begins with the efforts by volunteers who are part of the Renton Complete Count Committee and our Renton Census Ambassadors. We envisioned them as advocates within our community with the credibility to promote the benefits of completing and submitting the census form. The outbreak of COVID-19 changed their approach but did not dampen their enthusiasm as they continued to advocate, while at the same time adhering to current restrictions.

They've been so creative in their approach to encourage participation: a student art contest, gift certificates from local restaurants, and flyers distributed with the help of local merchants and food banks. It's been an impressive effort that puts our current self-response rate at 67.3 percent, fourth highest in the state of cities with populations over 100,000, and above the state and national average.

However, these statistics also show we are falling short in responses from Hispanic, Asian and African American residents. To help reach these populations we've launched an advertising campaign on several Spanish and Vietnamese language radio stations and online newspapers.

We still need your help. If you have responded, thank you. If you haven't, please take a few minutes [to do so](#) and if you know anyone who hasn't, please encourage them to respond. This is our chance to shape the future of Renton for the next decade. It's an opportunity we should not let slip through our fingers.

Renton Counts! 2020 Census video series

- [English](#)
- [Hindi](#)
- [Punjabi](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Tagalog](#)



Menka Soni was one of many volunteers who put together bags with food and census info during Ramadan. The project was a partnership between the Renton Counts Committee, Ravishing Women and East African Community Services.

County approves \$60 million in emergency funding

The King County Council has approved an additional [\\$60 million in COVID-19 emergency funding](#). There is money set aside for small business grants in unincorporated King County, chambers of commerce and community-based organizations that support small businesses. There's also funding for economic development relief, arts and culture and science.

Renton area organizations receiving money:

- City of Renton: \$165,890 for business assistance/relief
- Renton Historical Society: \$2,000
- Renton Housing Authority: between \$3,000 and \$7,000
- Renton Technical College: \$5,000 for service for veterans
- Renton American Legion Post 19: \$2,500
- West Hill-Skyway VFW receiving \$2,000
- Renton Schools Foundation: \$1,500
- Renton Innovation Zone Partnership: \$3,000

Non-Seattle cities can compete for \$1 million for shelters and programs serving homeless youth.

The funding package establishes a \$500,000 mitigation fund allowing local governments, like Renton, to recover costs related to shelter de-intensification sites like the one housed at the Red Lion Inn.

At the County Council's Tuesday meeting, I made another plea to the council to work with us to develop a strategy for closing the facility. While I expressed my appreciation for the support they recently provided REACH, the effect the shelter has had on our human services providers and first responders has severely taxed our resources.

We hope we are making progress. County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove, whose district includes Renton, wrote a particularly compelling piece imploring county leadership to work in good faith with the city. We've posted it on our [Facebook](#) page. If you have the time, it's worth a read.

Governor further defines "Safe Start" program

Gov. Inslee's "Safe Start" program defines the criteria and process for safely re-opening the state's economy. Each phase allows for more and more businesses to reopen as long as they have adequate social distancing measures and health standards in place.

I want all Renton businesses to be prepared to open when their time comes. The governor regularly issues clarifying memos containing the measures businesses must have in place prior to reopening. You can find those updates on the [governor's website](#) and also in our Safe Start section further down in this newsletter.

Our economic development staff is also available to help local businesses. They've gathered together several valuable resources to help, including social media, access to funding, chat sessions and ways to promote your business. If you haven't reached out to them, I urge you to do so. You can reach them via email thrive@renton.com or by calling 206-503-1742. Remember, you're not alone in this fight.

Martin Pastucha named public works administrator

The council has confirmed my [appointment of Martin Pastucha](#) as the city's public works administrator.

We knew it would be a challenge to replace Gregg Zimmerman, but Martin's 30 years of experience and skill as an administrator will allow him to make an immediate impact. His first day will be June 1. Welcome to Renton, Martin.



Martin Pastucha

Update on impact of COVID-19

New/updated information is in red

Renton is ideal location for COVID-19 vaccine facility

[April 16](#) - City of Renton, King County: Renton ideal location for COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility

- [KIRO 7](#) - Renton considers recruiting coronavirus vaccine manufacturer
- [KING 5](#) - Renton mayor says city is "ideal" location for COVID-19 facility
- [Patch.com](#) - Renton ideal location for coronavirus vaccine manufacturing facility
- [Seattle Medium](#) - Renton considered an ideal location for COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility
- [425 Business](#) - Renton hopes to repurpose industrial assets for COVID-19 vaccine production
- [Bisnow](#) - Seattle suburb looks to become vaccine epicenter
- [KCPQ-TV](#) - Renton looks to be center for coronavirus vaccine

City Hall

- City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Most services are available via telephone and [online](#).
- CDC guidelines for screening employees have 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.
- [Prohibition on enforcement](#) of city noise restrictions on vehicles.
- COVID-19 link added to [Renton Responds](#) app.
- Our HR department is adapting to changes and we are making decisions to be responsive to COVID-19 and making sure we keep our employees safe and healthy as we continue to serve our customers.
- Mayor's [Emergency Order #2020-3](#): supporting state moratorium on residential evictions for non-payment of rent.
- Don't forget to complete your [2020 Census](#).
- Mayors urge residents [to follow best practices](#).

Releases

- [April 17](#) - Renton increases support to small businesses
- [April 16](#) - City of Renton, King County: Renton ideal location for COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing facility
- [April 1](#) - City launches senior resources survey.
- [March 30](#) - Mayor's letter of support to Renton businesses detailing available resources.
- [March 24](#) - City's response to governor's order of "Stay Home, Stay Healthy"
- [March 23](#) - Mayor's COVID-19 update to city council committee of the whole.

City Council

Councilmembers will be attending their meetings remotely. Due to security concerns, the video-conference identification number is not being shared publicly.

City Hall is closed, so in-person comments will not be accepted; however, Renton residents are encouraged to participate in a variety of ways.

- Submit comments in advance to cityclerk@rentonwa.gov.
- Call 425-430-7171, enter code 0033665# to listen to the proceedings.
- View the proceedings live on Renton's Channel 21.
- View the proceedings online live at rentonwa.gov/streaming.
- [Next meeting](#) - Monday, May 18
 - City Council, 7 p.m.
 - Committee of the Whole, 5:15 p.m.
- [Council meeting video](#)

Donations/Volunteering

- Puget Sound Blood Bank is short on supplies. Find a [donation event](#).
- American Red Cross [Blood Drives](#).
- Those wishing to volunteer can register with [United Way](#).
- [King County Regional Donations Connector](#) is a virtual donation management center.
- Monetary contributions can be made via the Seattle Foundation's [COVID-19 Response Fund](#).
- Doug Baldwin has organized food deliveries through familyfirstrenton.org and can use volunteer help.
- Renton Regional Community Foundation has launched a [COVID-19 Response Fund](#).
- Communities In School Renton-Tukwila [COVID-19 Emergency Fund](#).
- [Emergency Feeding Program](#).

Economic Development

- CED has compiled a list of resources for [businesses and employers](#).
- [Go Renton](#): Renton Chamber of Commerce.
- State resources: coronavirus.wa.gov.
- [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.
- [March 30](#) - Mayor's letter of support to Renton businesses detailing available resources.
- [April 5](#) - Boeing extends temporary suspension of Puget Sound production operations.
- [April 7](#) - Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant to assist small businesses (1-10 employees including proprietor). The grant program will provide a limited number of businesses with emergency

funds of up to \$10,000. (note: as of April 15, program is no longer accepting applications from King County)

- [The Plate Fund](#) - One-time \$500 payment to restaurant workers in King County.
- Small Business Hotline – If you're a Renton small business owner who needs assistance, please contact the city's Economic Development staff through the Small Business Hotline at (206) 503-1742 or by emailing thrive@rentonwa.gov.
- Facebook Discussion - It's more important than ever that we share resources and information in real-time. [Join the discussion](#) and follow [@RentonBusiness](#) for more updates on resources and opportunities. This group is a networking platform for Renton's small business owners and is meant to be a safe space where business leaders can support each other and help the community thrive again.
- Renton Business Minute - Take a Renton Minute to get to know the small business community. We will post short interviews with local business owners and entrepreneurs on the [Visit Renton YouTube channel](#). Hear first-hand why they chose Renton! [Email us](#) to schedule your interview to be featured in the next Renton Minute.
- Local lenders eligible to issue loans under PPP - To find a Paycheck Protection Program lender, the SBA recommends contacting current bank or lender to see if they are offering PPP. New banks are coming on board every day. The [SBA](#) has lenders listed by zip code.
- [April 17](#) - Renton increases support to small businesses through an expanded partnership with Startup 425.
 - [Technical assistance](#)
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#): Save Small Business Fund
- [Small Business Administration](#)
 - Funding: [SBA 7\(a\), 504 and microloans](#), which offer [debt relief](#); or, [SBA Express Bridge Loans](#)
 - [Advising](#): The SBA Resource Partner Network for business resiliency readiness advising and training.
 - [Tax Relief](#): IRS tax relief for businesses
- [April 27](#) - The Small Business Administration (SBA) began accepting applications on April 27 for additional funding through the [Paycheck Protection Program](#). Renton's [Business Response Team](#) through Startup 425 can help with free, personal assistance, available in [multiple languages](#).

Events

Scheduled

- [May 19](#) - Virtual Gardening: Attracting bees and butterflies
- [May 27](#) - Virtual Gardening: Less work, better gardens

Canceled

- [Memorial Day](#) (May 25)
- Downtown Renton Wine Walk (June 5)
- Kids Fishing Derby (June 6)
- Stop & Swap (June 6)
- Summer Green & Clean (June 6)
- Fourth of July (July 4)
- Day after the Fourth Cleanup (July 5)
- [Return to Renton Benefit Car Show & Cruise-In](#) (July 12)
- Renton River Days (July 24-26)
- National Night Out (August 4)
- Cruz the Loop (August)

Facilities/Services

- The following facilities are closed until further notice: Renton Community Center, Renton Senior Activity Center, Highlands Community Center, North Highlands Community Center, Renton History Museum, Renton Pavilion Event Center and Carco Theatre.
- Public Works, Parks and Facilities shops are closed to the public until further notice.
- The lunch program continues at the [Senior Activity Center](#). Seniors (50+) can drive through weekdays and pick up a sack lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Food Banks/Resources

- City of Renton [Human Services Resources Guide](#)
- [Salvation Army Food Bank](#) (206 S. Tobin St., Renton 425-255-5969) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9–11:30 a.m. and 1–3:30 p.m. Closed Wednesday. New clients should bring the following on their first visit:
 1. Photo identification for a person applying and for all members over the age of 18 living in their home (copies or a picture of household member ID OK);
 2. Proof of address for all members 18 years of age living in the household.
 3. Birth certificate or other legal guardianship paperwork for all minors living in the household.
- [Renton Community Meals](#) (Salvation Army, 720 S. Tobin St.) Monday–Thursday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- [Renton Community Meals](#) (Salvation Army 300 Rainier Ave. N.) on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 5:30 p.m. Monday–Friday, 8–10 a.m.
- [Sustainable Renton Free Grocery Store](#) (The Brewmaster's Taproom 2000 Benson Rd S.) Mondays, 5:30–7 p.m.
- [Margie Williams Helping Hands Center](#) (973 Chelan Ave. NE) Saturdays, 8–11 a.m.
- [Emergency Feeding Program](#) (851 Houser Way N. Ste. A). Drive-thru pre-packaged meals on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 3–4 p.m. [Sign up in advance](#) and food will be distributed by last name on specific days.
 - Monday: (A-I)
 - Tuesday (J-R)
 - Wednesday (S-Z)
 1. All food will be pre-packaged
 2. Bags will be placed in your car in designated areas.
 3. Fill out [online form](#) or paper form to receive groceries,
 4. Please be patient, we are working around the clock to ensure we can provide the best services.
 5. If you are sick or experiencing symptoms, please do NOT come to the warehouse, call our office at 425-277-0300 to arrange for someone to pick up.

Mobile delivery is also available to seniors (55+), disabled, and schools and agencies. They are also accepting donations and are in need of volunteers.

- [211.org](#): an access point for homeless shelters, food and other related resources.
- REACH [Center of Hope and Meal coalition](#).
- Doug Baldwin has organized food deliveries through [familyfirstrenton.org](#).
- Renton Regional Community Foundation has launched a [COVID-19 Response Fund](#).
- [South King County Food Fighters](#).
- [Seattle-area emergency food resources map](#)
- Donations to [WA Food Fund](#) provide financial assistance to three organizations that supply every food bank in Washington: Second Harvest, Food Lifeline and Northwest Harvest. Donations will fund food, materials, and personal protective equipment, as well as delivery and distribution.
- [King County](#) - Emergency food access resources.
- [Sunset Community Church](#) (1032 Edmonds Ave NE) is a food distribution point in the Renton Highlands for Northwest Harvest on Tuesdays. It will be drive-thru pick-up to minimize contact from 3-6 p.m. or as long as supplies last.

- [Renton School District](#) provides free meals to any child, ages 1-18, in the front lot of most schools. Meals are “grab and go” and are intended to be taken off-campus or even picked up through car windows. [Preregistration is required.](#)
Beginning Monday, May 11, meals will be available only on Mondays and Wednesdays 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at designated meal sites. Monday pick-up would include meals for Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday pick-up is for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- [WIC](#) - WIC is a supplemental food program for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, infants and children. WIC also provides health screening, nutrition and health education, breastfeeding promotion and support, help getting other services and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.

Health Care/Mental Health Resources

Health Care

- Valley Medical Center has a [COVID-19 page](#) with updates.
- [HealthPoint](#) in Renton.
- Public Health’s [Community Health Access Program](#) for those without a doctor. Call 1-800-756-5437 or CHAP@kingcounty.gov for a free consultation and connection to free or low-cost medical providers and low-cost health insurance.
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Mental Health

- CDC: [Managing Anxiety and Stress during COVID-19](#)
- CDC: [Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)
- SAMHSA: [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health](#)
- King County: [Crisis Connections](#)
- Wash DoH: [Social Distancing and Mental Health](#)
- Seattle Times: [Community Support Resources](#)
- Medicare Advantage: [Tips for how seniors can stay healthy and connected during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Additionally, there are also several recommended things you can do to support yourself:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths and stretch, eat healthy meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid excessive alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.

Housing

- [United Way of King County](#) - Rent help for King County residents.

Inspections - Building and Development Engineering

Community and Economic Development Department (CED) has been receiving questions from homeowners and contractors regarding how the city is implementing the construction-related provisions of Gov. Inslee’s Governor’s Phase 1 construction restart plan and related guidance issued by the Governor’s Office.

CED will be performing physical onsite and virtual inspections for any existing construction projects pursuant to the Phase 1 requirements. Whenever possible, virtual inspections will be accomplished. If you are interested in more information about virtual inspections, please contact the Building Division: 425-430-7200.

- [Governor’s Phase 1 construction restart job site requirements](#)

The safety plan was developed as part of a working group that included contractors and workers. The plan includes requirements related to safety training, physical distancing, PPE, sanitation and cleanliness, monitoring employees for symptoms, and logging job site visitors. The governor did not announce restart plans for any other industry or activity.

Workplace safety and health complaints may be submitted to the L&I Call Center: (1-800-423-7233).

Prior to calling for an inspection please be sure you have met the minimum requirements necessary for an onsite inspection:

1. COVID-19 Site Supervisor

A site-specific COVID-19 Supervisor shall be designated by the contractor at every job site to monitor the health of employees and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan. A designated COVID-19 Supervisor must be present at all times during construction activities.

Exception: single-family residential job sites with 6 or fewer people on the site.

2. Posting of COVID-19 exposure control plan

Contractors are required to post at each job site a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan. PPE utilization; on-site social distancing; hygiene; sanitation; symptom monitoring; incident reporting; site decontamination procedures; COVID-19 safety training; exposure response procedures; and a post-exposure incident project-wide recovery plan.

A copy of the plan must be available on each job site during any construction activities and available for inspection by state and local authorities. Failure to meet posting requirements will result in sanctions, including the job being shut down.

3. Posting of Notice to Employees

All Contractors are required to post at each job site written notice to employees, subcontractors and government officials the Phase 1 work that will be performed at that job site and signed commitment to adhere to the requirements listed in this document.

4. Daily Attendance Log

A daily attendance log of all workers and visitors must be kept. The log must include the name, phone number, and email address of all workers and visitors.

Online Payments

- Business licenses, pet licenses, courts, tax and licensing and utility bills can all be paid [online](#).
- Business Licensing & Tax: 425-430-6851; filelocal-wa.gov.

Pets

- [RASKC](#): Regional Animal Services of King County

Permitting

- [Permit counter](#) is closed to the public until further notice. Applicants can use [online options](#) for payments and tracking applications.
- [Fees and permitting](#) waived for A-frame business signs advertising curbside pick-up.
- Permitting (General information): 425-430-7200.
- Schedule an Inspection: [Permitting Portal](#); Building: 425-430-7202; Civil/Site: 425-430-7203.

Public Works

- Maintenance facility is closed to the public until further notice.
- The Public Works Maintenance Services Division and Transportation Maintenance teams are returning to their regular work schedule a schedule of 10-hour days Monday - Friday.
- To request service or report a problem call 425-430-7400 Monday - Fridays 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.

- 20 MPH flashing school zone beacons disabled.
- Residents can also report issues via the [Renton Responds](#) app.
- Continuity of operations measures initiated to isolate water treatment operators from other employees during work.

Recreation

Refunds

The current situation has caused an unprecedented number of refunds and the city is processing them as quickly as possible. Refunds are being made to the credit card or record or my if payment was by check.

Open

- All [parks](#). However, playgrounds, sport courts, fields, and other active recreation areas within the parks, including the skate park, are closed until further notice.
- Restrooms at [Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#), [Heritage Park](#), [Riverview Park](#) and [Cedar River Trail Park](#) which will open during park hours starting on May 5.
- All [trails](#) except two sections of the [Cedar River Trail](#). King County has closed their sections of the trails.
- Boat launch at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.
- Maplewood Golf Course, pro shop and driving range effective May 5.
- In both parks and trails, YOU ARE REQUIRED to follow recommended social distancing, NO GROUP GATHERINGS and proper handwashing.

Closed

- All restrooms (except those at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Heritage Park, Riverview Park and Cedar River Trail Park which will open during park hours starting on May 5), parking lots, playgrounds, sport courts, fields and other active recreation areas within city parks, including the skate park.
- All programs, field and shelter rentals, leagues, and classes until further notice.
- All building rentals and community events until further notice.
- River Rock Grill at Maplewood Golf Course until further notice.
- Henry Moses Aquatics Center will remain closed this summer.

Renton Municipal Airport

- Offices are closed to the public until further notice. Runway and support services are operational.
- General information available on [website](#) or by calling 425-430-7471 (admin) or 206-423-3715 (maintenance).

Renton Municipal Court

- Court is currently closed to the public. Staff is working both remotely and on-site with adherence to social distancing and other health guidelines. Calls from the public are being answered on a daily basis.
- In-custody hearings are being held via video conference with parties appearing remotely.
- Out of custody hearings are now being held via Zoom and streamed on YouTube. More information can be found [online](#).
 - Renton Municipal Court is serving as a mentor court to other courts that are seeking to establish video hearings.
- Work is ongoing to conduct domestic violence no contact order recall hearings in a manner that affords the necessary safety protocols for protected parties.
- Jury service is suspended until at least July 6, 2020, per an emergency order issued by the Washington Supreme Court.
- Passport service is suspended until city hall is opened to the public.

Renton Police Department

- If you suspect a business is in violation of the governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, the state has an [online reporting form](#). If the report is about an individual or private group, use the police department's non-emergency number 425-235-2121.
- Department lobby and walk up window at city hall are closed.
- Only use 911 for emergencies; Non-emergencies: 425-235-2121.
- Public Health - Seattle & King County (206-477-3977) handles complaints of crowds of 50 or more.
- School zone cameras turned off.
- File a [police report](#) online.

Updates from the Chief of Police

- [April 17](#) - "County's use of the Red Lion Inn"
- [March 27](#) - "Our role is to help educate"
- [March 23](#) - "Stay Home, Stay Healthy"
- [March 20](#) - "The safety of our community is our top priority"
- [March 13](#) - "Updates on procedures"

Renton Regional Fire Authority

- [Procedures updated](#).

Renton School District/Education

- Renton Schools are [closed](#) for the rest of the school year. Distance-learning in effect.
- [Services are being offered](#) during their closure.
- [Closure and classroom information](#) for students and families.
- [OSPI](#): Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- [April 8](#) – Governor provides additional guidance on school closures and the impact on available services.
- Communities In School Renton-Tukwila [COVID-19 Emergency Fund](#).
- [Best Start for Kids](#): Tips for teaching your child with special learning needs.
- [Renton School District](#) provides free meals to any child, ages 1-18, in the front lot of most schools. Meals are "grab and go" and are intended to be taken off-campus or even picked up through car windows. [Preregistration is required](#).
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Republic Services

- [Republic Services](#) has put into effect new temporary guidelines for waste collection procedures in the interest of safety for both the public and their drivers. All recycling and organics materials must be placed in a cart or can; any loose, bundled, or bagged items outside of a cart or can will not be collected. Extra garbage must be placed in a cart, can, or secured in bags. Bulky waste collection and Clean Sweep collections are suspended until further notice. All collection routes are on normal schedule. Questions? Contact Republic Services at 206-777-6440.
- Republic Services will waive late fees and penalties and will not activate any service suspensions for a period of 90 days. (March 23)
- Businesses with solid waste accounts and operating during "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" can call Republic Services at 206-777-6440 to request necessary service changes including increased/decreased container size or frequency of service. The city's mandatory garbage code requires at least the minimum level of service (20-gallon cart) and one collection per week.
- Businesses with solid waste accounts and temporarily closed as a result of COVID-19, can contact Republic Services at 206-777-6440 to request a temporary hold on their account. No service will be provided during the temporary hold and businesses MUST NOT place any garbage or recyclables in their containers during the hold period, as this could result in a public health problem. All COVID-19 holds will be reinstated to normal collection once "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order is lifted.
- Any service level change, including COVID-19 holds due to temporary closure of business, will be shown as adjustments on the solid waste bill.

Restaurants

- Renton restaurants open for take-out/delivery:

- [General Renton](#)
 - [Downtown Renton](#)
 - [Google Document](#)
 - Gift cards are also appreciated.
 - Add your restaurant [to the list](#).
- [May 18](#) - Ivar's at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park will reopen on June 1 for delivery and takeout only. Hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Shelters

Men's Shelters & Day Centers

- **ARISE**
[Catholic Community Services](#). Hosted by a different Renton church every month. Includes Case Management services.
- **Congregations for the Homeless**
 - Space is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Overnight services from 7:30 p.m.-7:30 a.m. Men allowed on-site at 7 p.m.
 - 515B 116th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 289-4044
- **Day Center**
Resource referrals, showers, laundry, meals. Open Sunday – Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - 515B 116th Ave NE Suite 174
Bellevue, WA 98004

Women's Shelters & Day Centers

- **Kent Hope**
Resource referrals, showers, laundry, meals, healthcare. Open every day 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
 - 9009 Canyon Drive
Kent, WA 98030
(253) 480-2325
- **The Sophia Way**
Apply for extended stay shelter [online](#).
Resource referrals, showers, laundry, breakfast/lunch. Open every day 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - 3032 Bellevue Way NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 896-7385
- **Women's Referral Center**
Check-in at Angeline's Day Center between 6-9 p.m. then transported to host locations for overnight stay. The center offers showers, laundry, and dinner.
 - 2030 3rd Ave.
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 441-3210
- **Hospitality House**
Opens at 6 p.m. every night.
 - 1419 SW 150th St
Burien, Washington 98166
(206) 242-1860

Family Shelters & Day Centers

- **REACH**
All for shelter/day center intake.
 - 316 S 3rd St, Renton, WA 98057
(425) 277-7594
- **Center of Hope Day Center**
Resource referrals, showers, laundry. Open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Renton City Hall
1055 S Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
 - Effective April 6: REACH Center of Hope is relocating to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave. NE and will be there through the end of May.
- **Mary's Place**
Call 206-245-1026 for shelter referrals.

Transportation

Metro

- [Metro Matters](#) blog
- [April 17](#) - Further Metro service reductions begin Saturday, April 18, to support essential travel and transit workforce.
- [March 30](#) - Interactive tool for Metro riders whose routes experienced service cuts.
- [March 29](#) - If your Metro route was cut on March 23, are some alternative routes to consider.
- [March 18](#) - Metro plans to temporarily reduce service starting Monday, March 23 to support the health of the community.

Sound Transit

- [Sound Transit](#) news
- [March 21](#) – Sound Transit service change includes new routes, temporary service reductions.
- [March 20](#) – Sound Transit to suspend fares on all transit modes until further notice.
- [March 19](#) - Sound Transit to temporarily reduce service on Link light rail, Sounder trains, some ST Express routes.

Utilities

- City will waive late fees and penalties and will not shut off water service for a period of 90 days. ([March 23](#))
- Questions? Utility Bills: 425-430-6852; [rentonwa.gov/ub](#).
- Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will not disconnect customers for non-payment, will waive late fees and work on [payment plans](#) and [choosing a new bill due date](#). PSE has an [energy assistance portal](#) to facilitate access to funds available to income-qualified customers.
- PSE's [Crisis Affected Customer Assistance Program](#) (CACAP) is an \$11 million fund dedicated to assisting low-income customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic shutdown. This program is in addition to PSE's other assistance programs, including the Warm Home Fund, PSE Home Energy Lifeline Program and Weatherization Assistance Program for income-eligible customers.

King County Response

- [May 14](#) - **Elliott Avenue modular pilot project opens to offer shelter beds and services to fight COVID-19**
- [May 12](#) - **King County Council approves \$60M for continued COVID-19 response**
- [April 23](#) - County executive announces supplemental budget to continue COVID-19 response, help small businesses, arts and tourism; fund homeless youth programs
- [April 13](#) - King County awards \$1 million to provide language access and other COVID-19 services to frontline community groups.
- [March 31](#) – County Council approves \$2.2 million for emergency childcare for first responders and other essential workers during COVID-19 crisis.
- [March 30](#) - King County postpones payment deadline to June 1 for individual property taxpayers.
- [Don't flush trash](#) - Wipes, paper towels, and other "unflushables" can create a sewer backup in your home. Flush only toilet paper and protect your home, the sewer system, and the environment.
- [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) from Public Health-Seattle & King County.

- [March 24](#) - King County releases new health and safety guidelines to childcare providers.
- [King County Regional Donations Collector](#), a virtual donation management center.
- [COVID-19 Resources](#) from King County.
- [Do's and don'ts of staying at home](#)
- [RASKC](#): Regional Animal Services of King County
- [King County Parks](#)
- [King County press releases](#)

Public Health – Seattle & King County

- [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19 resources](#). Information in multiple languages.
- [Public Health Insider](#): official insights from staff
- [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19 Fact Sheets](#) (translations)
- [Educational videos](#): COVID-19 information in multiple languages
- [WIC](#) - WIC is a supplemental food program for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, infants and children. WIC also provides health screening, nutrition and health education, breastfeeding promotion and support, help to get other services and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.
- [May 1](#) - New analytics show pronounced racial inequities among COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths
- [May 6](#) – Tips for staying safe outdoors as more recreation lands reopen
- [May 8](#) - Latest report shows COVID-19 transmission rate could be rising in King County; social distancing remains key



Wear a face covering and keep 6 feet apart from others in public spaces.



For more information
kingcounty.gov/masks

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King County Mask Directive

- [May 11](#) - Starting on May 18, 2020, King County residents are directed to wear face coverings in most public settings.
- [May 12](#) - What you need to know about King County's health directive on face coverings

State of Washington Response

cononavirus.wa.gov – one-stop great resource for state response

- [Filing for unemployment benefits](#)
- [Health insurance](#): Washington Health Plan finder
- [March 30](#) - Department of Licensing is temporarily closing all driver licensing lobbies on March 31.
- [March 30](#) – The state has set up an [online form](#) to report non-essential businesses that violate the governor's Stay Home-Stay Healthy order.
- [April 7](#) - Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program to assist small businesses (1-10 employees including proprietor). The grant program will provide a limited number of businesses with emergency funds of up to \$10,000.

State Department of Health

- [Dept. of Health](#) - Guidance on cloth face coverings
- [Dept. of Health](#): When to use the emergency room
- [Dept. of Health](#) - COVID-19 and people with disabilities
- [Dept. of Public Health](#) - **Misinformation about COVID-19 can create fear and make it harder to keep everyone healthy.**

Governor's Actions

- [May 13](#) - **Governor issues directive to state agencies to freeze hiring and contracts**
- [May 12](#) – Governor announces contact tracing initiative
- [May 8](#) - Governor releases additional Safe Start Phase 1 guidance
- [May 5](#) - Governor announces three Safe Start advisory groups
- [May 4](#) - Governor signs new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy
 - [Proclamation](#)
 - [Review the Phases](#)
- [May 1](#) - Governor announces four-phase plan to gradually reopen the state's economy
- [April 29](#) - Governor rolls out COVID-19 risk assessment dashboard with data
 - [Data visualization](#)
- [April 29](#) - Governor issues guidance to clarify limits on elective surgeries
- [April 27](#) - Governor announces Colorado & Nevada will join Washington, Oregon & California in Western States Pact
- [April 27](#) - Governor announces distribution of funding to local governments from federal stimulus package
- [April 27](#) - Governor announces easing of outdoor restrictions
- [April 24](#) - Governor announces plan to allow construction projects previously underway to be completed
 - [Information for Business & Workers](#)
 - [April 29](#) - Additional guidance from the governor
- [April 23](#) - Governor extends 20 proclamations relating to COVID-19
- [April 21](#) - Governor announces Washington's COVID-19 recovery plan
- [April 21](#) - Governor sends letter to vice president calling for strong national testing system
- [April 21](#) - Governor extends proclamations for utility ratepayers and truck driver hours
- [April 16](#) – Governor expands eviction moratorium and adds additional protections for residential and some commercial tenants.
- [April 13](#) – Governor issues protection for high-risk workers.
- [April 13](#) - Washington, Oregon and California announce Western States Pact.
- [April 13](#) – Governor announces strategies for reducing the number of individuals incarcerated to address CoVID-19 in DOC system.
- [April 8](#) - Governor's statement on Century Link field hospital redeployment.
- [April 8](#) – Governor provides additional guidance on school closures and impact on available services.
- [April 1](#) - The state is seeking to fill shortages of specific personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection-control products to support our medical system, first responders, public health and care facilities.
- [April 1](#) – Governor issues additional guidance on the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order related to essential businesses. It clarifies as "essential" nannies (who are deemed essential if they are in the home taking care of children of essential workers), automotive repair facilities and limited automotive sales and leasing activities, and renewable energies. The bulletin also includes guidance that recreational fishing and golf are NOT deemed essential.
- [March 31](#) – Governor and Washington State Department of Financial Institutions announce assistance for homeowners unable to make mortgage payments.
- [March 27](#) - Governor welcomes Army doctors to field hospital in Seattle.
- [March 23](#) – Governor announced a stay at home order, banning all gatherings and closing all but those businesses [classified by the federal guidelines](#) as essential. The ban will take effect on March 25 and be in place for a minimum of two weeks. The governor indicated even though the order is voluntary in nature, it is enforceable by law. Resident will be able to conduct essential business (shopping, doctor's appointments) and restaurants can still conduct business via to-go and delivery orders.
- [March 19](#) – Governor orders a halt to elective surgeries and dental services to reserve critical equipment for COVID-19 health care workers.

- [March 18](#) – Governor waives one-week wait for unemployment benefits.
- [March 17](#) – Governor signs bill package to support state effort combating the COVID-19 outbreak.
- [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.
- Governor’s [press releases](#).

“Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order

“Stay Home, Stay Healthy” is the governor’s executive order asking all state residents to stay indoors. Originally issued on March 23 for a two-week period, it was extended on April 2 through May 4.

If you suspect a business is in violation of the governor’s order, the state has an [online reporting form](#). If report is about an individual or private group, use the police department non-emergency number 425-235-2121.

The following are allowed under the order. Please keep appropriate social distancing of at least six feet.

- Grocery shopping
- Ordering restaurant takeout or to-go
- Medical appointments and pharmacy pickup
- Walking, running, biking and gardening
- Going to gas stations, food banks, banks and laundromats
- Going to work if your job is part of [essential businesses](#)
- Funerals only if at a funeral home or at cemetery gravesides. Only immediate family members of the deceased can attend and proper social distancing by staying is maintained.

What is not allowed:

- Attending weddings or religious services
- Attending or playing in sports games and practices
- Participating in any in-person leisure, hobby or social clubs
- Going to concerts, festivals, parades, theaters, museums, art galleries or fundraisers
- Working out at a gym or fitness center
- Going to barbers, nail salons or tattoo parlors

“Safe Start” Plan

Through the Washington “Safe Start” plan, more businesses and activities would re-open in phases with adequate social distancing measures and health standards in place. Each phase will be at least three weeks — data and metrics will determine when the state can move from one phase to another.

	1	2	3	4
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to stay home. Stay healthy.	Continue to stay home. Stay healthy.	Continue to stay home. Stay healthy.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing.
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, walking, biking)	All outdoor recreation (walking, bicycling, fishing, hunting, etc.)	Outdoor programs (sports activities, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity.
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	None	Gather with no more than 10 people within your household.	When gatherings with no more than 10 people.	When gatherings with 10 people.
Travel	Only essential travel.	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home.	Resume non-essential travel.	Continue non-essential travel.
Business/Employees	Essential businesses open (grocery, pharmacy, food and beverage, etc.) Car washes Landscaping Pet services (not including grooming)	Remaining manufacturing and construction phases Restaurants, taverns less than 50% capacity/table size no larger than 5 people and no bar area seating Hair and nail salons Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) Real estate Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) In-home/domestic services (i.e., nannies, housecleaning) Pet grooming	Restaurants (75% capacity/table size no larger than 10) Bar areas in restaurants and taverns at less than 25% capacity Indoor gyms at less than 50% capacity; theaters at less than 50% capacity Customer facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged where possible) Libraries Museums	Restaurants (100% capacity/table size no larger than 12) Bar areas in restaurants and taverns at less than 25% capacity Indoor gyms at less than 50% capacity; theaters at less than 50% capacity Customer facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged where possible) Libraries Museums

- [May 4](#) - Reopening guidance for business and workers
- [Updated - Governor's memos by phase for](#) **Click image to open larger** [clarifying businesses](#)

Phase 1

(May 6) Washington state is currently in Phase 1, with construction and other essential activities underway. The additions such as outdoor activities and additional sales and retail activities begin Tuesday, May 5. When the state moves to Phase 2, all components of Phase 1 will continue.

Includes

Phase 1 builds upon recent decisions made around re-opening some activities, including construction activity (allowed as of April 29) and outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, playing golf and some park access, which Inslee announced last week.

Also adds (as of May 5):

- Drive-in spiritual services with one household per vehicle
- Auto/RV/Boat/ORV sales
- Retail open for curb-side pick-up orders only
- Car washes
- Landscaping
- Some pet services (not including grooming)
- Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities is permitted.

Phase 2

When COVID-19 disease burden is low and decreasing and the four capabilities (health care system readiness; testing capacity and availability; case and contact investigations; and ability to protect high-risk populations) are met, the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 2.

As noted above, each phase will be at least three weeks, data and metrics will determine when the state can move from one phase to another.

Includes

All components of Phase 1 will carry into the start of Phase 2, which will include outdoor activities in small groups with people from outside one’s household, as well as limited non-essential travel within proximity of one’s home.

Additional modifications to restrictions in Phase 2 affecting business will include:

- Remaining manufacturing and construction phases
- Restaurants/taverns less than 50% capacity/table size no larger than 5 people and no bar area seating
 - [May 11 - Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry](#)
 - [May 11 - Restaurant/Tavern Reopening COVID-19 Requirements](#)
- Hair and nail salons
- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions)
- Real estate
- Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- In-home/domestic services (i.e., nannies, housecleaning)
- Pet grooming
- Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 and Phase 2 activities is permitted.

Phase 3

If COVID-19 disease burden stays low and the four capabilities (health care system readiness; testing capacity and availability; case; and contact investigations and ability to protect high-risk populations) are met, the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 3.

Includes

All components of phases 1 and 2 will carry into the start of Phase 3, which will include resuming non-essential travel and allowing gatherings of no more than 50 people.

Phase 3 also includes resuming some public activity, such as:

- Outdoor group recreational sports activities (50 or fewer people)
- Recreational facilities at less than 50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)
- Professional sports (horse racing, baseball, etc.) without audience participation
- Restaurants and taverns at less than 75% capacity with table size no larger than 10
- Bar areas in restaurants and taverns at less than 25% capacity
- Indoor gyms at less than 50% capacity; theaters at less than 50% capacity
- Customer facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged where possible)
- Libraries
- Museums

- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with no more than 50 people.

Phase 4

If COVID-19 disease burden stays low and the four capabilities (healthcare system readiness; testing capacity and availability; case and contact investigations; and ability to protect high-risk populations) are met, the governor will issue an order for the state to move into Phase 4.

Includes

All components of phases 1, 2 and 3 will carry into the start of Phase 4 which would be a full return to public interactions (with appropriate physical distancing).

Phase 4 also includes resuming some public activity, such as:

- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Large sporting events
- Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

COVID-19 Risk assessment dashboard

The state's COVID-19 dashboard provides a high-level overview of the main data points discussed among state leaders and the level of risk experts perceive around the current numbers. It is not intended to represent the totality of all COVID-19 related data. The state is currently developing several new systems for collecting, compiling and reporting much of the data outlined below and this dashboard will link to those new systems as they are completed. In the meantime, where possible, we've linked to the data that is currently available or created a snapshot that summarizes the most recent information available. The dashboard is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

- [COVID-19 Risk assessment dashboard](#)

Federal Response

- [coronavirus.gov](#)
- [April 27](#) - The Small Business Administration (SBA) began accepting applications on April 27 for additional funding through the [Paycheck Protection Program](#). Renton's [Business Response Team](#) through Startup 425 can help with free, personal assistance, available in [multiple languages](#).
- The SBA is also offering low-interest [Economic Injury Disaster Loans](#) to small businesses who have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- [April 3](#) - CDC recommendation regarding the use of cloth face coverings, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- [WHO](#) - When and how to use masks (World Health Organization)
- [March 27](#) - Congress passes CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus package to aid coronavirus related and economic stimulus.
- [March 22](#) – President approves major disaster declaration for Washington.

Important Links

- [Public Health - Seattle & King County](#)
- [King County Emergency news](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Governor's Coronavirus resources](#) (coronavirus.wa.gov)
- [Washington State Coronavirus Response:](#)
- [Coronavirus fact sheets in multi-language resources](#)
- [King County Emergency Preparedness Standards](#)
- [State Resources for Business](#)
- [Homeless Services Provider Resources](#)

Information for Businesses and Employees

For Businesses

- [Stay Home – Stay Healthy Guidance for essential business](#)
- [What do I do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19](#)
- [OSHA guidance for preparing workplaces for COVID-19](#)

For Employees

- [Employment Security Division: for workers affected by COVID-19](#)
- [ESD's Paid Family and Medical Leave Program](#)
- [SharedWork Program](#)
- [Temporary layoffs, standby and furloughs](#)
- [Layoff Assistance](#)
- [United Way of King County: Where to get help](#)

Financial Resources

- [U.S/ Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance](#)
- [Keep Workers Safe and Healthy Fund \(Seattle Metro Chamber\)](#)
- [Washington State Department of Revenue: Business Relief During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [IRS: Coronavirus Tax Relief](#)
- [Facebook Small Business Grants Program](#)
- [Association of Washington Businesses](#)
- [Business Washington COVID-19 Business Resources](#)
- [Restore Your Economy.org: COVID-19 Resources for Economic Development](#)