



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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Downtown Renton businesses got into the swing of this week's "Chalk Your Walk." Each day is a different theme and you can show off your creations on social media using #LetsGoChalkRTN.

City asks King County to commit to shelter exit strategy

Yesterday I formally asked the King County Council to close their de-intensification shelter at the Red Lion Inn by July 9. City Council President Ruth Pérez, Chief Administrative Officer Robert Harrison, Police Chief Ed VanValey and Renton Regional Fire Authority Chief Rick Marshall joined me at the council's remote meeting, along with representatives of Renton's business community.



Red Lion Inn

In this time of crisis, we know we must pull together and sacrifice, but the county's placement of over 200 homeless people has tripled our homeless population, overwhelmed our police and fire departments, disrupted nearby businesses and severely taxed the already limited resources of local human services providers.

In just the past month, Chief VanValey's department has seen a 79% increase in calls from the shelter's location, sometimes nine to 12 calls in a single day. Chief Marshall told the council that in the previous year Renton Regional Fire Authority fielded one call from the shelter location. In the last month they responded to 30 calls. Additionally, shelter residents have been seen going into businesses and approaching others without wearing masks.

In our discussions with the county, we were assured the facility would be used as temporary shelter allowing the county to meet social distancing requirements at their homeless shelters. We were also told it would be removed after 90 days and all occupants returned to the shelters. Now is the time for King County to formally honor these verbal commitments and develop an exit strategy.

Proclamations show who we are as a community

The City Council passed two very important proclamations on Monday. Important not just because of the statements they make about Renton as a community, but also because of how they relate to the current climate.

The first proclamation affirms [Our commitment to an inclusive community that rejects stigma and bias related to COVID-19](#). Community leaders and civil rights organizations across the country have reported an increase in bias, harassment and hate crimes; particularly against Asian American, African American, Hispanic and other marginalized communities. Even though our commitment to inclusion has been an integral part of our business plan since 2017, this is the right time to let the broader community know that these behaviors will not be tolerated in Renton. We ask community members who observe or are experiencing incidents of discrimination, harassment, or hate crimes to call 911 to report the incident immediately.

The second proclaims May 3-9 as [Public Service Recognition Week in Renton](#). The important role public servants play in protecting the health, safety and welfare of our residents, visitors and employees has never been more important since the advent of COVID-19. Over the past months, we have seen also first-hand the sacrifices made by our police, fire, aid workers, doctors and nurses on a daily basis. The proclamation also honors scientists, whose work will be vital in finding a vaccine and last, but not least, our teachers. With two school-age, active sons at home, my wife's and my appreciation increase every day. So please take a minute, not only this week, to thank these public servants for their outstanding work.

Governor's Phase I allows auto dealers to reopen

One of the business allowed to reopen under [Phase 1](#) of the governor's plan to re-start the economy is vehicle sales. I was very pleased with the governor's decision as we spent considerable time stressing the importance of automobile dealers to the state and local economy.

We have about 19 dealerships in Renton that will be able to provide expanded sales and services. It's also good news for the city budget as dealerships generate nearly 20 percent of our annual sales tax and B&O taxes.

Phase 1 also permits retail sales (curb-side pick-up only), drive-in spiritual services (one household per vehicle), car washes, landscaping, some pet services (not including grooming), essential travel and limited non-essential travel.

Renton Live! tonight at 6

Tune in tonight at 6 for the third episode of [Renton Live!](#) the Chamber of Commerce's online variety show featuring the best of Renton. Tonight's show features home teaching tips from teachers, the upcoming [downtown Renton virtual wine walk](#), fitness tips and much more.

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
- [KCPO-TV](#) - Renton looks to be center for coronavirus vaccine

City Hall

- City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Most services 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 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 11
 - **City Council, 7 p.m.**
 - **Committee of the Whole, 5:30 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 Seattle Foundation [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 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 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 4-10](#): Chalk Your Walk
- [May 14](#): Virtual Downtown Renton Wine Walk

Cancelled

- Spring Recycle Event (May 9)
- Spring Green & Clean (May 16)

- Family Safety/Bike Rodeo (May 16)
- 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.
- Lunch program continues at [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 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](#): 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](#).
- 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-through pick-up to minimize contact from 3-6 p.m. or as long as supplies last.
- [Renton School District](#) offers free meals to any child, ages 1-18, in the front lot of each school weekdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. No ID is required, but child must be present. Students can pick up meals at any school or location nearest to them, including:
 - [Creston Point](#), 13445 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Seattle, WA 98178
 - [Green Tree/Park Hill](#), 6900 S 125th St, Seattle, WA 98178
 - [Plum Tree](#), 200 SW 5th Pl, Renton, WA 98057
 - [Royal Hills](#), 3000 Royal Hills Dr SE, Renton, WA 98058
 - [Stonebrook](#), 12210 SE Petrovitsky Rd, Renton, WA 98058
- [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.
- [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.

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.
- May Spring Recycling Event will be rescheduled.
- June Stop 'n Swap event has been cancelled and will return in 2021.
- 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 hand washing.

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

- Courts are closed until further notice and staff is working remotely.
- In-custody court hearings are no longer being held at City Hall.
- Jail calendar is heard via video conference with prosecutors and public defenders
- Work is on-going to conduct Domestic Violence No Contact Order Recalls.
- Jury service and passport service is suspended until at least April 27.
- Continuing all [non-essential hearings](#) until further notice.

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 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 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](#) offers free meals to any child, ages 1-18, in the front lot of each school weekdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. No ID is required, but child must be present. Students can pick up meals at any school or location nearest to them, including:
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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](#).

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

- [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

- [March 21](#) – Sound Transit service change includes new route, 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

- [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](#) - working through a phased-in reopening scenario
- [King County press releases](#).

Public Health – Seattle & King County

- [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 getting other services and monthly benefits for nutritious foods.
- [May 1](#) - New analytics show pronounced racial inequities among COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths
- [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

State of Washington Response

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

- [Filing for unemployment benefits](#)
- [Health insurance](#): Washington Health Plan finder
- [Washington Dept. of Health](#): When to use the emergency room
- [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 Health order.
- [April 3](#) - Guidance on cloth face coverings from Department of Health.
- [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.

Governor's Actions

- [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.

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 curbside 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
- 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

Federal Response

- [coronavirus.gov](https://www.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](#)