



COVID-19 Daily Update

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

COVID-19 impacts our support agencies

In times of crisis our thoughts naturally turn inward to family and friends. But we also must look outside our immediate circle to those most at need in our community. The city's website has a [list of dozens of local agencies](#) who offer resources and many can use our help and a [list of shelters](#).

If you're in need, your first call should be to [211](#) a great access point for homeless shelters, food and other related resources. Here in Renton, [HealthPoint](#) has been a vital resource. Support for these agencies comes from, among others, [Seattle Foundation](#), which has just released additional funding.

As workers brace for the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Jay Inslee Wednesday [announced a 30-day statewide moratorium on evictions](#) for residential tenants. He also detailed several other measures intended to help workers and businesses cope with the impacts of COVID-19. Included are an order waiving the one-week wait period for people signing up to get unemployment insurance and releasing as much as \$5 million from a reserve fund in order to give micro-grants to small businesses. The governor also called on all public utilities to waive late fees.

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

City Hall

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

City Council

- [March 23 meeting](#) will be by teleconference. No meeting on March 30.
- Subcommittee meetings are cancelled.
- Meetings are live on Channel 21 in Renton and [streamed online](#).
- Submit comments to councilmembers via cityclerk@rentonwa.gov or to Renton City Hall, c/o City Clerk, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

Donations

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

Economic Development

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

Facilities/Services

- The following [facilities](#) are closed at least through April 24: Renton Community Center, Renton Senior Activity Center, Highlands Community Center, North Highlands Community Center, Renton History Museum, Renton Pavillion Event Center and Carco Theatre.
- Lunch program continues at [Senior Activity Center](#). Seniors (50+) can drive through and pick up a sack lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- City Hall and the Public Works, Parks and Facilities shops are closed to the public until further notice.

Healthcare

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

Human Services

- [Social Service Resources](#)
- Individuals affected by COVID-19 and needing help with rent and utility support can contact [Crisis Connections \(211\)](#).
- **Local shelters are available for women, men and families.**
- **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.**

Municipal Courts

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

Online Payments

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

Permitting

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

Public Works

- Maintenance facility is closed to the public until further notice.
- To request service or report a problem call 425-430-7400 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- After normal business hours, call Renton Police Department dispatch at 425-430-7500 (option #8) to request assistance from an on-call representative. If the problem is an emergency, please call 911.
- **20 MPH flashing school zone beacons disabled.**
- Residents can also report via [Renton Responds](#).
- **To protect collection drivers, please bag all facial tissue and cleaning items (gloves, wipes, paper towel).**
- **The May 9 Spring Recycling Event is cancelled and will be rescheduled.**

Recreation

Open:

- All [parks and trails](#), including the full [Cedar River Trail](#). Follow recommended social distancing and proper hand washing.
- The [Maplewood Golf Course](#) and driving range.

Closed:

- All classes, event and activities closed at least through April 24.
- Registrations through April 26 will be cancelled.
- Refunds processing for March cancellations; April to follow.
- The River Rock Grill is closed until further notice.

Renton Police Department

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

Renton Regional Fire Authority

- [Procedures updated](#).

Renton Schools

- [Renton schools](#) are closed until at least April 24.
- [Services are being offered during their closure.](#)

Renton Municipal Airport

- Closed to the public until further notice.
- General information is on their [website](#) or by calling 425-430-7471 (admin) or 206-423-3715 (maintenance).

Statewide actions

- **March 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.**

Important Links

- [Public Health - Seattle & King County](#)
- [King County Emergency news](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [Governor's Coronavirus resources](#)
- [Washington State Coronavirus Response: multi-language resources](#)