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The government has also issued $120 million in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding that can be used for shelter operations and rental assistance. The federal funding will be made available to low-income renter households to prevent and reduce evictions through October 15. He also said that $100 million in CARES Act funding will be made available to rental assistance programs.

King County moved residents to the Red Lion location back in April, but did not provide much heads up to the community. For now, there was no consultation with local officials, neighborhood residents, or businesses on whether this location made sense and was a useful location for this type of land use.

Despite all that, we in Renton have tried to be a good partner as DESC has operated a shelter for at least 235 residents. Renton is a caring and compassionate community, with a track record of taking significant steps on housing and homelessness. However, we have pointed out that this location is not zoned for this type of land use, and we should have some type of transitional plan to relieve the shelter to a lawful location. Ideally, DESC would secure a more permanent location— one that is safe and zoned for the use, and accompanied by nearby services. We wish that’s the best outcome for these residents, and for the nearby neighbors and businesses who have seen the added impacts from this shelter.

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The shelter location. We have also noted that the Red Lion is not an appropriate long-term location and we have urged DESC to act now and put in place to ensure permanent supportive housing in a location that works.

There’s much more to the story; but for now, I want to publicly thank the state legislators from the 11th Legislative District who are working closely with us to seek a win/win action plan for everyone. I also want to thank King County Councilmembers Dave Upthegrove and Reagan Dunn for their steadfast assistance and support.

Governor makes changes to halt COVID-19 spread

Governor Inslee announced changes yesterday to indoor restaurant and bar operations designed to transmit the COVID-19. The pause had been scheduled to expire on Tuesday, July 28. Governor Inslee also announced changes for weddings and funerals, both secular and religious:

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The ceremony’s maximum indoor occupancy is 20 percent or up to 30 people, whichever is less. Six feet of physical distancing must be achieved between households.

There will be a two week grace period before the changes take effect.

The state’s face covering mandate has been extended to include all common areas of buildings, such as elevators, hotels, university housing. Previous face covering mandates were not mandated if proper social distancing could be maintained. The new order will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22. This is in addition to the $300 million in CARES Act funding that has already been released. The federal government has also issued $13.50 million in Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding that can be used for shelter operations and rental assistance.

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**Small Business Relief Grant Program**

We’re making almost $1.4 million available to help Renton small businesses impacted by COVID-19. The Small Business Relief Grant Program is meant to be a safe space where business leaders can support and be supported by their peers in Renton. This group is a networking platform for Renton’s small business owners which offer technical assistance to Renton businesses.

**Small Business Grant Program**

**What’s Open**

- **Food & Beverage**
  - 11 restaurants have experienced a temporary closure.
  - 3 restaurants have experienced a permanent closure.
  - 18 restaurants have been in operation in the City of Renton for at least two years.
  - 12 restaurants have 25 or fewer employees (including the owner).
  - 18 restaurants have a physical location within Renton with a public-facing store front.
  - 17 restaurants have a Renton business license and are a for-profit business.
  - 12 restaurants have been in operation in the City of Renton for at least two years.
  - 18 restaurants have experienced a temporary or permanent loss of customers.

**Emergency Feeding Program**

- Food pantries, local restaurants, and other community organizations are providing meals to Renton residents.
- Renton’s Emergency Feeding Program and Renton Emergency Feeding Program are offering assistance to businesses.

**COVID-19 Business Impact Survey**

- The survey collects data on the current state of local businesses and their response to the pandemic.
- The survey is being conducted by the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce and the City of Renton.

**Paycheck Protection Program**

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Main Street Lending Program Update
The Federal Reserve Bank announced an expansion of its Main Street Lending Program (MSLP) to allow more small- and medium-sized businesses to receive support. The board lowered the minimum loan amount to $100,000 and extended the principal repayment schedule to begin five years after the loan start date, and extended the term to 15 years from current term of seven years.

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission offers grants to individuals, organizations and community groups for arts and culture projects and events.

Seattle Times: Medicaid Advantage: Seattle Times:

Wash DoH: COVID-19:

King County: Tips for how seniors can stay healthy and connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAMHSA: Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event

Managing Anxiety and Stress during COVID-19

COVID-19: County community members who have been affected by COVID-19 can drive through the Salvation Army Food Bank.

What's Open Eastside

Update your Listing!

Seattle South King County Food Fighters Response Fund

Doug Baldwin has organized food deliveries through community service organizations that supply every food bank in Washington: Second Harvest, Food Lifeline and Northwest Harvest.

Donations to area emergency food resources map available.

Public Health's HealthPoint Valley Medical Center has a designated school or community sites providing free food boxes.

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• Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
• Connect with others. Talk with people you want to know your concerns and worries about COVID-19.

Housing

King County, Washington - Rent help for King County residents.

Inspections - Building and Development Engineering (CDE) continues to support the construction community, providing inspections for the construction-related provisions of Gove. In a COVID-19 construction sites have been approved for in-person inspections.

Upon approval for King County jurisdictions to move to Phase 2 of the Governor’s “Safe Start” plan, CDE will perform site inspections and enforce all COVID-19 job site requirements. Equally important is the importance of enforcement action under L&I’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

Employers can request COVID-19 job site safety practices, including the following:
• Job site safety practices shall be developed and reviewed with the employer and employee(s) on the job site.
• Job site safety practices shall be implemented.
• Job site safety practices shall be communicated to all personnel on the job site.
• Job site safety practices shall be evaluated at least once every 30 days.

The phase 2 construction COVID-19 job site requirements permit all construction activities defined by Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) as medium and high transmission risk. The employers and employees conduct only those activities that are allowed under their county’s phase status.

In order to continue with construction activity to proceed, whether previously authorized, newly authorized or resumed.

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Limited, outdoor-based summer programming is available for students.

The Seattle Aquarium is not open, but outdoor exhibits and activities are still available.

Renton Schools are repurposed to provide free meals to all children, ages 1-18, in front of most schools. Meals are "grab and go" and intended to be "curb-side pick-up." Meals are available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., depending on school size. Contact your school for specific details.

Renton School District/Edubration
Renton School District has a "19 Daily Update" page for students and families. Renton is also home to the Puyallup School District.

Renton considers recruiting coronavirus vaccine manufacturer

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Renton Municipal vaccine manufacturing facility

April 16

Renton is ideal location for COVID-19 vaccine facility

Kevin Risberg, Renton Municipal vaccine manufacturing facility

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Seattle & King County

Out of custody hearings are now being held via Zoom and streamed on YouTube. More information can be found online.

Judge Terry L. Jurado until June 24

Jury service is suspended per an emergency order issued by Presiding Judge O. Blake Thomas on June 13.

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- Restaurants should be prepared to show verification of King County transfer and recycling stations. Residents with a need to dispose of essential waste should be prepared to show verification of King County transfer and recycling stations.

- Metro plans to temporarily reduce service on Link light rail, Sounder trains, some ST Express routes. March 19

- Metro plans September service schedules.

- King County strongly urges residents to post a temporary hold on your account. No service will be provided during this period, but businesses MUST NOT place any garbage or recyclables in their containers during the hold period; as this could result in a public health problem.

- Metro service reductions begin Saturday, April 18, to support essential travel and transit workforce necessary. Seattle household hazardous waste collection facilities will remain closed.

- Sound Transit to suspend fares on all transit modes until further notice.

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The Do's and Don'ts of wearing cloth face coverings

May 12

Starting on May 18, 2020, King County residents are directed to wear face coverings in most public settings.

June 26

Seattle & King County

The virus hasn't let up and we can't either. Racism is a public health crisis: We must listen, take action, and support our community. Click for more information.

June 19

The transformation starts here. It starts with someone who has COVID-19. Don't let us bring it to you. Protect your home, the sewer system, and the environment.

King County

County: COVID-19

March 31

April 22

April 23

May 12

Bed & dining areas

Food service in kitchens and other small businesses, arts and tourism fund homeless youth programs.

County: COVID-19

King County Council approves $2.68 million fund dedicated to assisting low-income customers.

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will not disconnect customers for non-payment, will waive late fees and work on payment plans in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation 20-23.4, until July 28, 2020.

May 14

Bed & dining areas

County: COVID-19

Executive announces supplemental budget to expand access to free COVID-19 testing for uninsured and underinsured individuals.

The city will allow in-person events and parades and will not roll back on other public health measures the Governor’s Proclamation 20-23.4, until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or after July 28, 2020.

Questions? Utility Bills: 425-430-4812; energyassistance@kcelec.org

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State of Washington Response
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**Statewide response and guidance**

**COVID-19**

- **Local businesses**
  - Implement control products to support our medical system, first responders, public health and care facilities.
  - Additional guidance on school closures and

- **Stay Home, Stay Healthy**
  - 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.
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- **Additional**
  - Governor issues guidance to clarify limits on elective surgeries and rush

- **Access**
  - Governor extends eviction moratorium for two weeks.

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

- 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.

All components of phases 1 and 2 will carry into the start of Phase 3, which includes:

- The governor's orders for the state to move into Phase 3 when the state can move from one phase to another.
- The governor issues an order for the state to move into Phase 3 when the state moves to Phase 3, which is the end of Phase 3.
- The governor extends Safe Start proclamation, issues facial covering guidance.

Phase 3 includes:

- Drive-in spiritual services with one household per vehicle.
- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions)
- Auto/RV/Boat/ORV sales
- Movie theaters at less than 50% capacity/75% capacity
- Professional sports (horse racing, baseball, etc.) without audience
- Recreational facilities at less than 50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)
- Remaining manufacturing and construction phases
- Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities
- Outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, playing golf and some park access, which Inslee announced last week.
- Additional modifications to restrictions in Phase 1 affecting business will include:
  - Remaining manufacturing and construction phases
  - Reopening guidance for business and workers
  - Governor's clarifying memos by phase for businesses
- Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities
- Restaurants/taverns less than 50% capacity/table size no larger than 5 people
- Landscaping
- Car washes
- Drive-through service at less than 50% capacity at less than 25% bar area seating
- Restaurant/Tavern Reopening COVID-19 Requirements
- Facial covering guidance
- Professional services/office-based businesses
- In-home/domestic services (i.e., nannies, housecleaning)

Phasing Washington’s APPROACH

(Phase 3—May 5)

- Resuming more businesses and activities in Phase 3 will carry into Phase 3 with adequate measures and health standards in place, and with data and metrics that the state can move from one phase to another.
- 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 issues an order for the state to move into Phase 3. 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:

- Additional modifications to restrictions in Phase 1 affecting business will include:
  - Remaining manufacturing and construction phases
  - Reopening guidance for business and workers
  - Governor’s clarifying memos by phase for businesses
- Essential travel and limited non-essential travel to engage in Phase 1 activities
- Restaurants/taverns less than 50% capacity/table size no larger than 5 people
- Landscaping
- Car washes
- Drive-through service at less than 50% capacity at less than 25% bar area seating
- Restaurant/Tavern Reopening COVID-19 Requirements
- Facial covering guidance
- Professional services/office-based businesses
- In-home/domestic services (i.e., nannies, housecleaning)

Phase 2

COVID-19 disease burden stays 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.

Includes:

- Remaining manufacturing and construction phases
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Phase 1

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Phase 0

COVID-19 disease burden is high and increasing 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 orders the statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars, non-essential retail, and other businesses, and enforces a stay-at-home order for the entire state.

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Safe Start – Washington’s Phased Approach

(May 4) Through the Washington’s phased approach plan, more businesses and activities will re-open in phases with adequate measures and health standards in place, and with data and metrics that the state can move from one phase to another.
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

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Information for Businesses and Employees

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For Employees

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Financial Resources

- Washington State Business Administration Disaster Loan Assistance
- Keep Workers Safe and Healthy Fund (Seattle-Metro Chamber)
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