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In times of crisis our thoughts naturally turn inward to family and friends. But for every individual and every family, those nearby us in our community are also on our minds and hearts. So we’re working to ensure our facilities are equipped with the resources and energy and can use any help and support you can provide. We’re making sure our shelters, food banks, and other services are fully staffed, that food and other needed supplies are on hand, and that we’re able to respond to those in need more efficiently.

As winter turns to spring, we hope our community comes together to provide the support these agencies need this year. One way we’re searching for ways to help is by helping residents and businesses sign up for the impacts of COVID-19. Agencies are highly effective in responding to their communities but may struggle to respond to the needs of everyone. Please continue to be on the lookout for opportunities to help.

With help from our staff, we’ve compiled a list of resources for these agencies. Here’s some of the information we’ve compiled:

- The Governor announced that small businesses will be able to get unemployment insurance and releasing as much as $5 million from a reserve fund in order to give micro-grants to small businesses. Included are an order waiving the one-week wait period for people signing up for unemployment insurance and releasing as much as $5 million from a reserve fund in order to give micro-grants to small businesses.
- 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.

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