



# PACIFIC COUNTY

## Emergency Operations Center

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COVID-19 Response

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### **Information Regarding Essential Business and the Stay at Home Order**

South Bend, WA. - In light of the “Stay Home-Stay Healthy” Order (“Order”) issued yesterday, 3/23/2020, by Governor Jay Inslee, the Pacific County Emergency Operations Center would like to reinforce the importance of compliance with the Order. The guidance contained within the Order is critical to limiting the spread of COVID-19, and it will also help to lessen the chance of infections. Our civic responsibility is to stay home and stay healthy. Complying with this Order could mean life or death for our fellow citizens.

The Governor’s Order bans all gatherings of people for social, spiritual, and recreational purposes. This Order bans every type of gathering including some of the most meaningful gatherings within our community such as weddings and funerals. The Order will also close all businesses except those listed as essential businesses within the Order. If your business is deemed non-essential and you would like to start the application process to apply to be an essential business please email [business@mil.wa.gov](mailto:business@mil.wa.gov).

All businesses other than those deemed essential (a long list that includes things like grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, and gas stations) will have to be closed by March 25, 2020. All social, spiritual, and recreational gatherings are also now banned. Prohibitions on gatherings and leaving home unless necessary are now in effect. People are required to stay home, unless they are pursuing essential activities like shopping for groceries, going to doctor’s appointments, or going to work at essential jobs.

It is important to note that individuals may still go outside to walk or run if they maintain social distancing with a six-foot distance from other people and observe hygiene standards. Social distancing is not required for individuals living in the same household. Further, no one is required to have a permission slip to travel to or participate in essential functions in accordance with the Order.

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If you observe non-compliance with this Order and you wish to report it, you may contact either number listed below for the Pacific County Operations Center. Our goal in receiving complaints is to educate the public regarding the requirements of the Order. A copy of the Order is attached which includes a link of essential businesses.

For more information, please contact the Direct Response line at (360) 875-9407 / (360) 642-9407 or [pceocOps@co.pacific.wa.us](mailto:pceocOps@co.pacific.wa.us)

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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05**

**20-25**

**STAY HOME – STAY HEALTHY**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, 20-17, 20-18, 20-19, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, and 20-24, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently at least 2,221 cases of COVID-19 in Washington State and, tragically, 110 deaths of Washingtonians associated with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, models predict that many hospitals in Washington State will reach capacity or become overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients within the next several weeks unless we substantially slow down the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitalizations for COVID-19 like illnesses are significantly elevated in all adults, and a sharply increasing trend in COVID-19 like illness hospitalizations has been observed for the past three (3) weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim: that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State; that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended; and that Proclamations 20-05, 20-07, 20-11, 20-13, and 20-14 are amended and superseded by this Proclamation to impose a Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order throughout Washington State by prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations provided herein.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, and to implement the Stay Home—Stay Healthy Order described above, I hereby impose the following necessary restrictions on participation by all people in Washington State by prohibiting each of the following activities by all people and businesses throughout

Washington State, which prohibitions shall remain in effect until midnight on April 6, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

1. **All people in Washington State shall immediately cease leaving their home or place of residence except: (1) to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in essential business services.** This prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on April 6, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

**To implement this mandate, I hereby order** that all people in Washington State are immediately prohibited from leaving their home or place of residence except to conduct or participate in (1) essential activities, and/or (2) employment in providing essential business services:

- a. **Essential activities** permitted under this Proclamation are limited to the following:
  - 1) **Obtaining necessary supplies and services** for family or household members and pets, such as groceries, food and supplies for household consumption and use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation and essential maintenance of the home or residence.
  - 2) **Engaging in activities essential for the health and safety** of family, household members and pets, including things such as seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services and obtaining medical supplies or medication.
  - 3) **Caring for** a family member, friend, or pet in another household or residence, and to transport a family member, friend or their pet for essential health and safety activities, and to obtain necessary supplies and services.
  - 4) **Engaging in outdoor exercise activities**, such as walking, hiking, running or biking, but only if appropriate social distancing practices are used.
- b. **Employment in essential business services** means an essential employee performing work for an essential business as identified in the "[Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#)" list, or carrying out minimum basic operations (as defined in Section 3(d) of this Order) for a non-essential business.
- c. **This prohibition shall not apply to** individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence. These individuals are permitted and urged to leave their homes or residences and stay at a safe alternate location.
- d. **This prohibition also shall not apply to** individuals experiencing homelessness, but they are urged to obtain shelter, and governmental and other entities are strongly encouraged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable.

- e. For purposes of this Proclamation, homes or residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities.
2. **All people in Washington State shall immediately cease participating in all public and private gatherings and multi-person activities for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, regardless of the number of people involved, except as specifically identified herein.** Such activity includes, but is not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities. This prohibition also applies to planned wedding and funeral events. This prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on April 6, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

**To implement this mandate, I hereby order** that all people in Washington State are immediately prohibited from participating in public and private gatherings of any number of people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes. **This prohibition shall not apply to** activities and gatherings solely including those people who are part of a single household or residential living unit.

3. **Effective midnight on March 25, 2020, all non-essential businesses in Washington State shall cease operations except for performing basic minimum operations. All essential businesses are encouraged to remain open and maintain operations, but must establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Department of Labor or the Washington State Department of Health Guidelines.** This prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on April 8, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

**To implement this mandate, I hereby order** that, effective midnight on March 25, 2020, all non-essential businesses in Washington State are prohibited from conducting all activities and operations except minimum basic operations.

- a. **Non-essential businesses** are strongly encouraged to immediately cease operations other than performance of basic minimum operations, but must do so no later than midnight on March 25, 2020.
- b. **Essential businesses** are prohibited from operating under this Proclamation unless they establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Department of Labor's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf> and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus/workplace>.
- c. **This prohibition does not apply to** businesses consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing business activities at their home or residence, and who do not engage in in-person contact with clients.



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