

Seattle King County NAACP Health Committee Coronavirus Watch - 8/28/20

CURRENT OVERVIEW				
▲ = increase compared to 8/21/20 update				
Location	Confirmed Cases		Total Deaths	
Global	24,646,610	▲ 1,778,372	835,730	▲ 37,859
US	5,913,527	▲ 292,224	181,767	▲ 6,417
Washington	73,301	▲ 3,522	1,905	▲ 55
King County	19,322	▲ 988	723	▲ 13

Data source: [Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center](#) & [WA State DOH](#)

Data reflects the most accurate figures available as of 7pm PST on Fridays

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SUPPORT RESOURCES
<p>Testing Location Information COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/care/testing/locations</p>
<p>WA State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline Call 1-800-525-0127 or text "Coronavirus" to 211-211</p>

New General Updates from the Office of the Governor (Washington State):

Two new proclamations impacting education were issued on 8/26/20:

- **Schools are being supported in their use of transportation services to provide students with the opportunity to equitably access educational services in a remote learning environment** (including the distribution of learning materials, meals, and education-related technology)
- The residency requirement that allows public university graduate students to receive tuition waivers in exchange for performing teaching/researching functions has been suspended until 9/25/20

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-two-public-education-related-proclamations>

Back-to-School Updates:

The application deadline for the **Pandemic EBT Emergency School Meals Program** has been extended to 9/11/20. P-EBT is a new and temporary food benefit available to families who qualify for meal

assistance during the school year as a continuation of summer meal benefits. Apply and learn more here: <https://medium.com/@waOSPI/what-is-pandemic-ebt-a7a086caf94>

Seattle Public Schools: the School Board approved the OSPI Reopening Plan Template, which includes a remote start of the 2020-21 school year for most students; Special Education and IEP services have yet to be fully defined. [8/12/20]

https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/planning_for_re-entry

Additional Resources:

Need **internet access** to keep up with important updates? Use the **Washington State Department of Commerce's Drive-In WIFI hotspots Location Finder** for **FREE** emergency internet access, provided as a response to the impacts of COVID-19.

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/>

Mental and emotional support – **Washington Listens** is offering **FREE** support specialists to help with managing stress due to COVID-19. **Call 1-833-681-0211** (TTY and language access services are available).

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/mental-and-emotional-well-being>

For a full list of city, community, county, state, and federal resources call the **City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau** (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm PST) at **206-684-CITY** (206-684-2489), or visit Mayor Durkan's COVID-19 Resources for Community webpage.

<https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19>

Important Reminders:

Per the WA State Department of Health, **face masks/coverings are required for indoor public settings and/or when outdoors and unable to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others**, in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Gatherings are limited to 5 individuals. [ongoing]

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering>

Recent changes to the Safe Start plan (including updated timelines), below. For complete guidance details, visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>

- **Gatherings for Phase 2 counties (such as King) remains limited to 5 people; the Phase 3 gathering limit is 10 people** [effective 7/20/20]
- **All live entertainment is prohibited**, with the exception of members of the same household maintaining a social distance minimum of 10 feet (outdoors and wearing masks) [effective 7/20/20]
- **Face coverings/masks are required in all common spaces** [effective 7/25/20]

- **Restaurants and bars will require indoor diners to be members of the same household**, in addition to other restrictions [effective 7/30/20]
- **Gyms/fitness centers will be limited to 5 people for Phase 2 counties**, and 25% capacity (Phase 3 counties) [effective 7/30/20]
- **Indoor family entertainment/recreation centers and indoor card rooms are prohibited from opening. Indoor movie theater occupancy will be 25% (Phase 3 counties)** [7/30/20]
- **New Safe Start guidance regarding weddings and funerals: occupancy will be limited to 20% capacity or 30 people with 6ft distances maintained**; receptions will be prohibited, though the ceremonies themselves will continue to be permitted [effective 8/10/20]
- **Service in restaurants, taverns, breweries, wineries, and distilleries has been modified** in order to maximize safety for patrons and staff [effective 7/30/20]
- **New guidance for long-term care facilities has been issued, which will allow visitation and other activities in parallel with the Safe Start plan** [effective 8/12/20]
- **Agricultural employers are now required to test their workforce broadly when health officials identify an outbreak that passes certain thresholds** (update made to Proclamation 20-57). [8/19/20]

Relief funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers have been created (the Immigrant Relief Fund, \$40 million; the Food Production Paid Leave program, \$3 million). [8/10/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-relief-funds-help-immigrants-and-agricultural-workers>

A proclamation going into effect on 8/18/20 has been issued regarding the Washington COVID-19 Food Production Paid Leave program, to provide aid to workers in the food production industry who are unable to obtain leave through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. [8/13/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-washington-covid-19-food-production-paid-leave-program>

Distance learning and canceling/postponing all in-person extracurricular activities has been strongly recommended by the WA State Department of Health for high-risk counties, with restrictions easing in proportion of risk level (high/moderate/low). Proper hygiene and cleaning protocols are also a part of this plan. [8/5/20]

<https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-education-recommendations-for-2020-2021-school-year-4d510fe16f4>

The eviction moratorium for WA will be extended to 10/15/20, and Governor's Office staff will work with landlords and tenants in workgroups to discuss additional support. [7/25/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-eviction-moratorium>

Businesses statewide will not be able to serve visitors who are not wearing face masks, and are directed to require and enforce the use of face coverings, per Gov. Jay Inslee's **extension of the Safe Start proclamation**. Businesses risk closure and potential business license revocation. [effective 7/7/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-issues-facial-coverings-guidance>

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation related to the **DSHS Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP)**. **DSHS is authorized to expand eligibility for the FEAP to include individuals and families without children**. This proclamation is effective immediately and will expire at the end of the state of emergency. [effective 7/9/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-related-family-emergency-assistance-program>

The U.S. Small Business Administration's **Paycheck Protection Program** has resumed accepting applications with a **deadline of 8/8/20**, to provide small businesses with funding to keep workers on payroll. [effective 7/6/20]

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>