

COVID-19 Council Update

May 4, 2020

Current Statistics as of 05/04/2020:

- 2,785 confirmed and probable cases within the Snohomish County – WA State 15,185
- 111 Deceased countywide – 834 deaths statewide
- GenCare Scriber Gardens (Lynnwood) has 12 confirmed cases; 2 deaths
- Lynnwood Post-Acute Rehab now has 46 confirmed cases; 5 deaths
- Pacifica Senior Living Lynnwood has 14 cases
- 541 Cases within Lynnwood – 285 recovered (52.6%)
- 16 Fatalities in Lynnwood

Important note:

Cases State – 15,185/834 (Reported on May 2nd by DOH)

Cases Counties – King (6,574/461); Snohomish (2,785/111)

Statewide:

1. Seattle – 2,075/102; 277.7 per 100,000
2. Everett – 792/38; approximately 711.8 per 100,000
3. Renton – 526/34; 502.4 per 100,000
4. Lynnwood – 541/16, approximately 1,404.7 per 100,000
5. Kent – 520/28; 394.5 per 100,000

Snohomish:

1. Everett – 792/38
2. Lynnwood – 541/16
3. Edmonds – 292/23
4. Marysville – 211/10

King:

1. Seattle – 2,075
2. Renton – 526
3. Kent - 520
4. Auburn – 375
5. Federal Way – 368
6. Bellevue – 341
7. Kirkland – 298
8. Shoreline – 295

Status Update:

- On May 1, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee extended the Stay Home Order through May 31, 2020. He outlined a four-phase approach to returning to public life. Under Phase 1 there are a few new things right now. Drive in spiritual services with one household per vehicle, essential businesses, existing construction, landscaping, auto sales, retail that has curb-side pick-up orders, car washes, housecleaning, and pet walkers. Governor Inslee stated that the best-case scenario would be a full re-opening of Washington on July 13, 2020. He estimated the Phase 1 should be fully implemented by May 15th. He will provide detailed implementation instructions as he did for pre-existing construction projects.

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH Reopening Business and Modifying Physical Distancing Measures				
	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (5-50 people) - Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (public pools, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (social, spiritual)	- None - Drive in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
Travel	Only essential travel	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/Employers	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Automobile sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Housecleaning - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - New construction - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/Barbers - Restaurants <50% capacity table size no larger than 5	- Restaurants <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bars at <25% capacity - Indoor gyms at <50% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Government (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

*High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled); including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.



- Governor Inslee has eased restrictions on outdoor recreation and starting on May 5, day use at state parks and public lands will be re-opened, along with fishing, hunting, and golf. There are guidelines set forth by the Washington State Department of Health regarding the safe opening of golf courses and our Lynnwood Golf Course is ready to implement these restrictions and precautions when they re-open on May 5. Some of those precautions include limiting reservations to 2 people unless it is a family sharing the same home, only single riders in a golf cart, limiting the number allowed in the Pro Shop, and taking only credit/debit card transactions.
- Additionally, Governor Inslee has already eased restrictions on preexisting construction projects he referred to as a “Phase 1 Construction Restart”, which were addressed by Director Kleitsch at last week’s meeting.
- The current focus of the EOC and our departments in terms of COVID-19 is developing plans for the gradual rollback of services. We have already met with the majority of the city’s department directors to determine what a phased rollback plan looks like for each department based on ongoing guidance from the Governor and health district. Our plan

is to ensure social distancing is maintained, continue to maximize telecommuting as much as possible, while slowly returning to providing direct services to the public. The pace of this plan, and its timeline, are still undetermined, but currently we understand that government services fall within Phase 3 of the Governor's plan (telework remains strongly encouraged).

- Our EOC remains activated at level 3 and our Command staff communicate throughout the week. We are now on our 5th operational Incident Action Plan (IAP).
- The City has made the difficult decision to cancel some of our larger spring and summer events already due to anticipation of continued social/physical distancing requirements, the fact that these events take a considerable amount of staff time to plan, as well as our current budget outlook and the budget outlook of many of our event sponsors and partners. The events that have been cancelled are the following:
 - Arbor Day Celebration, Earth Day Park Service Day, Salmon Hatchery Open House, Memorial Day Ceremony, EGGS-plore Art Reception (look for virtual event coming soon), Lynnwood Police Department's Cops & Kids Event, Mayor Smith's State of the City Address (look for virtual event coming soon), History & Heritage Days (June event), Lynnwood Police Department's Kids Police Camp, Shakespeare at the Park performance series at Lynndale Amphitheatre, Fair on 44th - Lynnwood's Community Health & Safety Summer Block Party.
 - City Staff are currently working on ideas for smaller, neighborhood-based events and engagement opportunities. Our hope is to offer community members many opportunities to connect and have fun, while maintaining recommended physical distancing and enhanced hygiene practices.
- The city has received and disbursed many face coverings to staff. We have placed two additional orders of 2,000 face coverings. We expect the first half of the shipment to arrive next week, and the following a week later. These are a higher quality and more comfortable face covering and this stock should provide enough masks for each employee to wear a fresh mask daily for each workweek.
- The impacts of COVID-19 on our overall workforce continue to be negligible. As of this morning only 2.18% of our workforce is currently on sick leave. We have had one confirmed positive COVID-19 employee, and that employee is now back at work.
- Utilization of telecommuting has been very successful. Outside of our essential employees from Public Works, Police Department, and Parks & Rec, approximately 70% of our staff are telecommuting.
- Messaging continues to be a critical component of our City's response to this public health emergency. It is important for us to be actively communicating with our community members regarding important health messaging, community resiliency and engagement efforts.

- It came to our attention last Tuesday that the State will be passing federal CARES Act monies directly down to the counties and cities. These particular monies are from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The initial reports indicated that counties would receive a minimum for \$250K, and cities \$25K. This would be based on population sizes.

An initial assessment by the State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting and Research Division shows an allocation for the City of Lynnwood in the amount of \$1.188 Million. That being said, payments from the fund can only be used to cover costs that –

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.¹

The expenditures must be incurred “due to” the public health emergency. They may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Revenue replacement is not a permissible use of fund payments. Funds may not be used to cover costs that were accounted for in the current budget (supplanting). The fund will cover the period of March 1, 2020 until December 30, 2020.

Acceptable expenditure may include, but are not limited to:

1. Expenses for communication and enforcement
2. Expenses for PPE, medical supplies, and sanitation equipment and supplies
3. Expenses for disinfections of public areas
4. Technical expenses for mitigation efforts
5. Public safety measures; quarantine
6. Payroll expenses for public safety staff or employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
7. Food delivery to residents, seniors, etc.
8. Improving telework capabilities of public employees
9. Providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with public health precautions
10. Expenses for care of homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with public health precautions
11. The provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the cost of business interruption caused by required closures
12. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund’s eligibility criteria

We have not been provided with any more information than an initial short summary and estimate on funding allocations. We hope to hear from OFM in the relatively near future to identify exactly how this will happen. We are currently tracking all potential expenses by manner of a dedicated project code.