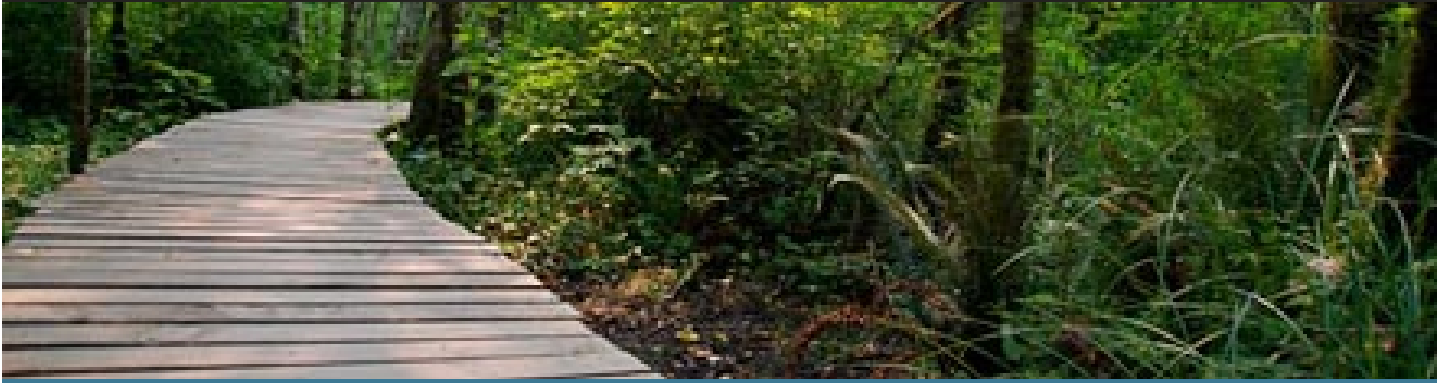


Starting March 16, many King County in-person services will close in response to COVID-19. Find customer service updates. >



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This is a critical moment in the growing outbreak of COVID-19 in King County. Public Health — Seattle & King County is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect the public's health. To minimize the health impacts of COVID-19 in King County, we are implementing a variety of emergency strategies to increase social distancing and slow the spread of this disease. We understand these actions will have a tremendous impact on all members of our community.

To limit the spread of COVID-19, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Health Officer Jeff Duchin announced a new Local Health Order that directed public health actions effective Monday, March 16.

- All gatherings with more than 50 participants are prohibited until further notice.
- All gatherings of 50 participants and below are prohibited until further notice unless previously announced criteria for hygiene and social distancing are met.
- Restaurants, bars, dance halls, clubs, theaters, health and fitness clubs, and other similar indoor social or recreational venues must cease operations until March 31, 2020.
- Restaurants and food service establishments may remain open only for drive-through, delivery, and pick-up only, until March 31, 2020.
- All other retail such as groceries, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, hardware stores, shopping centers, etc. may remain open provided they meet Public Health directives in the previous Local Health Order and align with the guidance for


retail businesses and service operators to protect from the spread of COVID-19 which will be updated later today.

Our guidance documents are in the process of being updated to reflect the new Local Health Order. Please check back frequently.

➔ Learn more: [New limits on large gatherings, other emergency strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19](#)

Guidance for people who have or think they have COVID-19

- [What to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19](#)
- [What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19](#)
- [What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19](#)

 **UPDATE:** March 15, 2020 at 1:53 pm

There are confirmed cases of novel coronavirus in King County. The majority of these illnesses are mild, with fever and cough. A much smaller percentage of cases are severe and involve pneumonia, particularly in elderly people and people with underlying medical conditions. **This is a quickly evolving situation and this site will be updated frequently.**

Case updates updated Mar. 15, 2020

- **Number of confirmed cases:** 420
- **Number of deaths:** 37

See related press release:

[Update COVID-19 in King County for March 15, 2020](#)

- **Additional updates:** [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [Washington State Dept. of Health](#)






King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center

- If you are in King County and believe you were exposed to COVID-19—or if you're a healthcare provider with COVID-19 questions—contact our call center between 8 AM to 7 PM PST at 206-477-3977.
- For general questions about COVID-19 in Washington State, please call the Washington State Novel Coronavirus Call Center at 800-525-0127.

When to seek medical evaluation and advice

- If you have a cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, speak with your healthcare provider before going to a medical facility. Do not go to an emergency room.
- If you believe you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms, call 9-1-1.

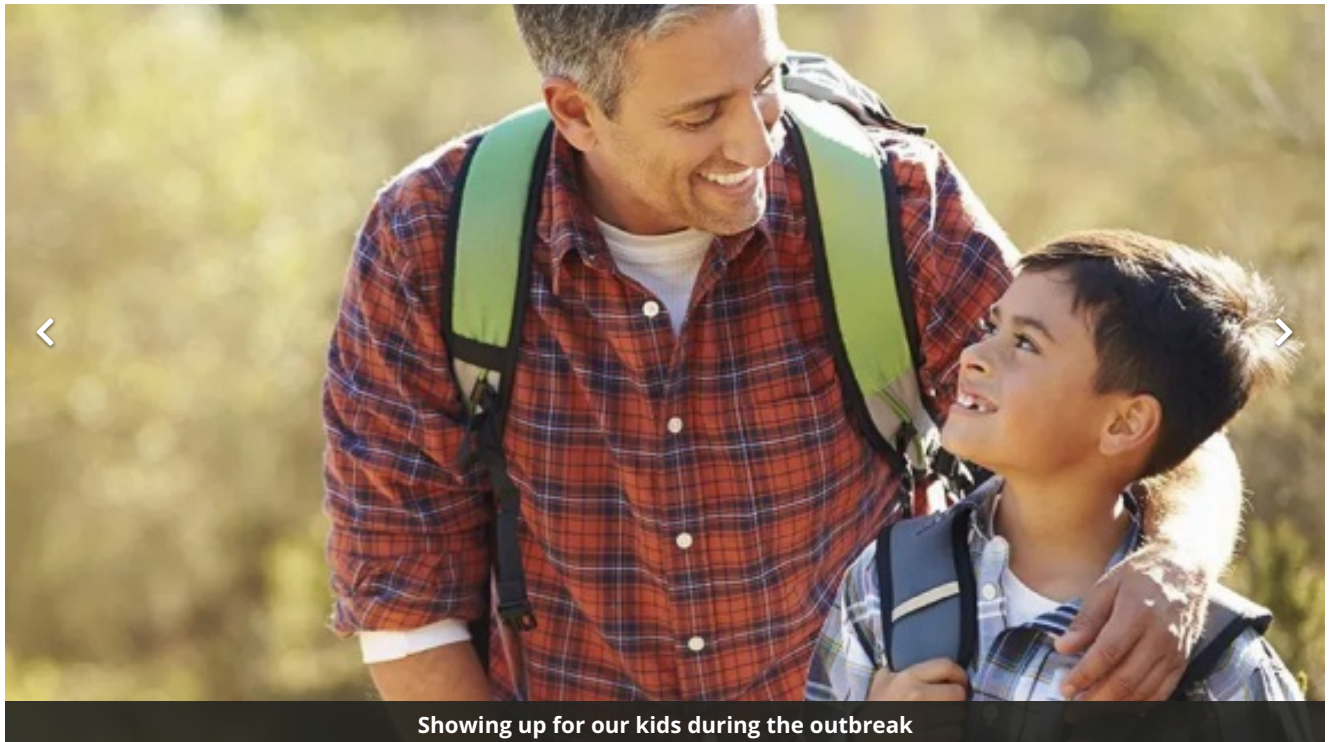
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Showing up for our kids during the outbreak

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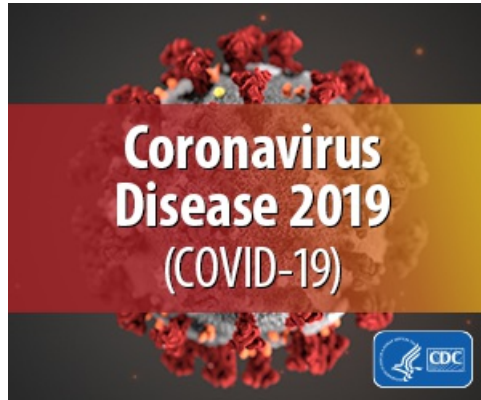
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