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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



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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 events with more than 50 people are prohibited until further notice
- All events with fewer than 50 people are discouraged and prohibited unless organizers observe COVID-19 prevention measure.
- All bars, dance clubs, fitness and health clubs, movie theaters, nightclubs, and other social and recreational establishments until at least March 31.
- All restaurants and food service establishments cannot provide dining room service. They may remain open for drive-through, takeout and delivery.
- All other retail – including banks, grocery stores, hardware stores and pharmacies – should and may remain open, provided they observe COVID-19 prevention measures.


Under the order, events include: community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

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 coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#) (PDF)
- [What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#) (PDF)
- [What to do if you have symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19](#) (PDF)

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Cases updated March 16, 2020

- **Number of confirmed cases:** 488
- **Number of deaths:** 43

See related press release:

[Update for March 16, 2020: New state and local Orders issued to protect residents' health from COVID-19](#)

- **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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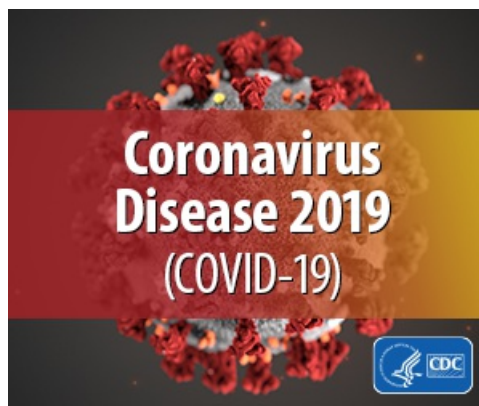
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