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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



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In King County, we all must take urgent action to minimize the health impacts of COVID-19:

- A health order has been issued to curtail the amount of face-to-face interaction. This includes a prohibition on all events with 50 or more people and [health requirements to hold smaller gatherings](#). Many social and recreational [services must temporarily close](#) and [restaurants may not offer dine-in services](#).
- Avoid close contact with others as much as possible.
- Wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face. These simple actions are among the most effective to avoid illness.

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)

 **UPDATE:** March 18, 2020 at 1:13 pm

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this site will be updated frequently.**

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Cases updated March 18, 2020

- **Number of confirmed cases:** 562
- **Number of deaths:** 56

See related press release:

[Public Health - Seattle & King County COVID-19 update for March 18, 2020](#)

- [New limits on large gatherings, other emergency strategies to slow the spread of 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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Events, eating out, and retail: what's allowed and what's not

 Visit the [Public Health Insider](#) blog for more articles on COVID-19.

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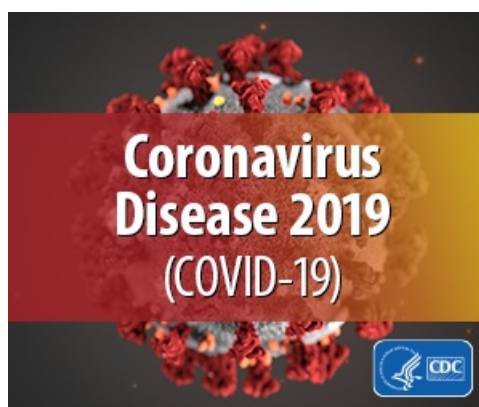
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