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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 19, 2020 at 4:20 pm

Questions on complying with the Health Officer Order?

The public has been highly accepting of and cooperative with Public Health's actions that are intended to protect the community's health and well-being in King County. The [Local Health Officer Order](#) and the statewide emergency [Proclamation issued March 16th by the Governor](#) are enforceable by law. King County will not be actively searching for violations, and our focus is on helping people understand the importance of social distancing, rather than citations.

If you have specific questions or reports related to this , please email coronavirus@kingcounty.gov

Cases updated March 19, 2020

- **Number of confirmed cases:** 693
- **Number of deaths:** 60

See related press release:

[Public Health - Seattle & King County COVID-19 update for March 19, 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

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

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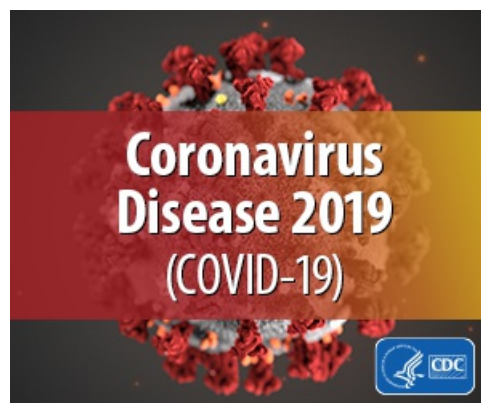
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