



Attention to all NWCI staff
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Message from Governor, Jay Inslee

OLYMPIA, Wash. -- Washington Gov. Jay Inslee on Monday ordered non-essential businesses to close and the state's more than 7 million residents to stay home unless necessary in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The stay-at-home order will remain in place through April 6. It expands previous actions taken by Inslee last week that ordered the statewide closure of bars, dine-in restaurants, and entertainment and recreation facilities and banned large gatherings.

Key points of the governor's order:

- *"It will require every Washingtonian to stay at home unless they are pursuing an essential activity, like shopping for groceries, going to a doctor's appointment, or going to work at an essential business."*
- *"It will ban ALL gatherings of people for social, spiritual and recreational purposes. This applies to BOTH private and public gatherings. And, yes, this applies to every type of gathering, including some of the most deeply meaningful gatherings in our communities, like weddings and funerals. These celebrations of life, these important moments to gather with loved ones, must be postponed."*
- *"It will close all businesses except essential businesses."*

All businesses other than those deemed essential — a long list that includes grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, and gas stations — will need to close by Wednesday night. All public and private social, spiritual and recreational gatherings are also now banned, including weddings and funerals. The order's prohibition on gatherings and leaving home unless necessary takes effect immediately. People will be required to stay home unless they are pursuing an essential activity, like shopping for groceries, going to a doctor's appointment, or going to work at an essential business. People can still go for walks or runs outside if they maintain a six-foot distance from others.

For a list of essential businesses, please click on the link.

<https://tribkcpq.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/final-wa-essential-critical-infrastructure-workers-03.23.2020.pdf>

When additional information is available NWCI communications staff will keep everyone updated.