

## Seattle King County NAACP Health Committee Coronavirus Watch - 8/14/20

CURRENT OVERVIEW				
▲ = increase compared to 8/7/20 update				
Location	Confirmed Cases		Total Deaths	
Global	21,070,842	▲ 1,619,745	763,070	▲ 40,634
US	5,309,164	▲ 340,751	168,396	▲ 6,538
Washington	66,139	▲ 4,552	1,755	▲ 83
King County	17,308	▲ 1,086	689	▲ 19

Data source: [Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center](#) & [WA State DOH](#)  
Data reflects the most accurate figures available as of 7pm PST on Fridays  
▲ = increase in cases/deaths

SUPPORT RESOURCES	
<b>Testing Location Information</b> COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-3977 or visit the <a href="#">King County Public Health website</a>	
<b>WA State COVID-19 Assistance Hotline</b> Call 1-800-525-0127 or text "Coronavirus" to 211-211	

### New General Updates from the Office of the Governor (Washington State):

**Relief funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers have been created** (the Immigrant Relief Fund, \$40 million; the Food Production Paid Leave program, \$3 million). [8/10/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-relief-funds-help-immigrants-and-agricultural-workers>

### New guidance for agricultural events, gyms, and religious/faith-based services has been issued:

agricultural events must require cloth face coverings as a minimum in addition to other safety/hygiene guidance; gym guidance has expanded to cover additional indoor activities; religious/faith-based services are still strongly encouraged to be conducted remotely/drive-in (restrictions are dependent on Phase Level). [effective 8/10/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-guidance-agricultural-events-updated-guidance-indoor-fitness-and-religious>

**A proclamation going into effect on 8/18/20 has been issued regarding the Washington COVID-19 Food Production Paid Leave program**, to provide aid to workers in the food production industry who are unable to obtain leave through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. [8/13/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-washington-covid-19-food-production-paid-leave-program>

### Back-to-School Updates:

**Seattle Public Schools: the School Board approved the OSPI Reopening Plan Template, which includes a remote start of the 2020-21 school year for most students; Special Education and IEP services have yet to be fully defined.** [8/12/20]

[https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what\\_s\\_new/planning\\_for\\_re-entry](https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/planning_for_re-entry)

**The application deadline for the Pandemic EBT Emergency School Meals Program is 8/31/20.** P-EBT is a new and temporary food benefit to help families buy groceries because schools were closed. Apply and learn more here: <https://medium.com/@waOSPI/what-is-pandemic-ebt-a7a086fc94>

### **Additional Resources:**

Need **internet access** to keep up with important updates? Use the **Washington State Department of Commerce's Drive-In WIFI hotspots Location Finder** for **FREE** emergency internet access, provided as a response to the impacts of COVID-19.

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/>

**Mental and emotional support** – **Washington Listens** is offering **FREE** support specialists to help with managing stress due to COVID-19. **Call 1-833-681-0211** (TTY and language access services are available).

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/mental-and-emotional-well-being>

**For a full list of city, community, county, state, and federal resources** call the **City of Seattle Customer Service Bureau** (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm PST) at **206-684-CITY** (206-684-2489), or visit Mayor Durkan's COVID-19 Resources for Community webpage.

<https://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19>

### **Important Reminders:**

Per the WA State Department of Health, **face masks/coverings are required for indoor public settings and/or when outdoors and unable to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others**, in order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Gatherings are limited to 5 individuals. [ongoing]

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering>

**Recent changes to the Safe Start plan (including updated timelines), below.** For complete guidance details, visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>

- **Gatherings for Phase 2 counties (such as King) remains limited to 5 people; the Phase 3 gathering limit is 10 people** [effective 7/20/20]
- **All live entertainment is prohibited**, with the exception of members of the same household maintaining a social distance minimum of 10 feet (outdoors and wearing masks) [effective 7/20/20]
- **Face coverings/masks are required in all common spaces** [effective 7/25/20]
- **Restaurants and bars will require indoor diners to be members of the same household**, in addition to other restrictions [effective 7/30/20]
- **Gyms/fitness centers will be limited to 5 people for Phase 2 counties**, and 25% capacity (Phase 3 counties) [effective 7/30/20]
- **Indoor family entertainment/recreation centers and indoor card rooms are prohibited from opening. Indoor movie theater occupancy will be 25% (Phase 3 counties)** [7/30/20]
- **New Safe Start guidance regarding weddings and funerals: occupancy will be limited to 20% capacity or 30 people with 6ft distances maintained**; receptions will be prohibited, though the ceremonies themselves will continue to be permitted [effective 8/10/20]

- **Service in restaurants, taverns, breweries, wineries, and distilleries has been modified** in order to maximize safety for patrons and staff [effective 7/30/20]
- **New guidance for long-term care facilities has been issued, which will allow visitation and other activities in parallel with the Safe Start plan** [effective 8/12/20]

**Distance learning and canceling/postponing all in-person extracurricular activities has been strongly recommended by the WA State Department of Health for high-risk counties, with restrictions easing in proportion of risk level (high/moderate/low).** Proper hygiene and cleaning protocols are also a part of this plan. [8/5/20]

<https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-education-recommendations-for-2020-2021-school-year-4d510fe16f4>

**The eviction moratorium for WA will be extended to 10/15/20,** and Governor's Office staff will work with landlords and tenants in workgroups to discuss additional support. [7/25/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-eviction-moratorium>

**Businesses statewide will not be able to serve visitors who are not wearing face masks,** and are directed to require and enforce the use of face coverings, per Gov. Jay Inslee's **extension of the Safe Start proclamation.** Businesses risk closure and potential business license revocation. [effective 7/7/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-extends-safe-start-proclamation-issues-facial-coverings-guidance>

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation related to the **DSHS Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP).** **DSHS is authorized to expand eligibility for the FEAP to include individuals and families without children.** This proclamation is effective immediately and will expire at the end of the state of emergency. [effective 7/9/20]

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issues-proclamation-related-family-emergency-assistance-program>

The U.S. Small Business Administration's **Paycheck Protection Program** has resumed accepting applications with a **deadline of 8/8/20,** to provide small businesses with funding to keep workers on payroll. [effective 7/6/20]

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>