COVID 19 Response and Resources Snohomish County 3/23/2020

General Information

211

All 2-1-1 call centers in Washington State are currently contracted with the Washington State Department of Health to help address the public's concerns regarding COVID-19. North Sound 2-1-1 is answering calls from Washington Department of Heath's COVID-19 Information Line and 2-1-1. We are aware of the concerns that individuals are facing about their health, jobs, and day to day living. New resources that serve individuals affected by COVID-19 are developing rapidly and we remain committed to getting our callers connected to those services that may better their lives.

North Sound 2-1-1 toll free: 1-800-223-8145

Disaster Distress Helpline

Call us: 1-800-985-5990 Text: "TalkWithUs" to 66746 Visit: disasterdistress.samhsa.gov

COVID 19 Information

Washington State Department of Health - Coronavirus Information (800) 525-0127

Unemployment

WorkSource

Effective Wednesday, March 18th, WorkSource Snohomish County (Everett and Lynnwood) will be closed to the general public until further notice. This closure will begin with a 3-day effort to re-tool and organize staff around the delivery of virtual services. On Monday, March 23rd, services will resume virtually (phone, online, chat) and with limited exceptions to in-person, public access.

Employment Security Department

If you are out of work, <u>Washington State's Employment Security Department</u> provides support services to individuals affected by COVID-19 in Washington.

The Employment Security Department has adopted a series of emergency rules to relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation and quarantine for workers and businesses.

Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

 $\underline{https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap?fbclid=lwAR213a6qlpy-faN-YXyWjDm6vPVgynfkt_rL-\underline{Mj3ZyVMLuL9WDQTDgRApAs}}$

Resources for Restaurant Workers

https://www.restaurantworkerscf.org/news/2020/3/15/resources-for-restaurants-and-workers-coping-with-the-covid-19-emergency?fbclid=lwAR0u_d7Y_ctoZd9xThDJ3aHhM8ALdLx-w_qNy_F5_bLBMI-5t-ljzLvjAxY

General Information for workers impacted by Coronavirus

https://www.knkx.org/post/what-are-unemployment-benefits-available-if-im-impacted-coronavirus

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. What if I need to take time off work because I contract COVID-19?
- **A.** The first and best option for employees who need to miss work due to illness is to use their employer-paid time off. Labor and Industries has <u>information about Paid Sick Leave</u>. When this leave is not available, <u>Paid Family & Medical Leave</u> may be available to help.
- Q. My employer has shut down operations temporarily because an employee is sick and we have been asked to isolate or quarantine as a result of COVID-19. Am I eligible for unemployment benefits?
- **A.** If you are not receiving payment from your employer, such as paid sick leave or paid time off, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits and may qualify for standby during this time. Eligibility decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. Basic eligibility requirements for a claim can be found here.
- Q. I am still confused about what benefits and programs may be available to individuals who are financially affected by COVID-19.
- **A.** This <u>easy-to-read reference guide</u> provides a simple list of many scenarios related to COVID-19 and the benefits that may apply.

Employment

Businesses that are hiring during COVID-19:

https://blog.aboutamazon.com/operations/amazon-opening-100000-new-roles https://jobs.kroger.com/qfc/go/QFC/571500/#job-table https://careers.walmart.com/

Shelter

Snohomish County

Cold Weather Shelters: https://www.snohd.org/471/Cold-Weather-Shelters

CDC Interim Guide for Homeless Shelters:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-ihe-response.html

Department of Commerce Quick Tips for What Shelters & Other Homeless Programs Need to Know:

https://www.commerce.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Tips-for-Homeless-Service-Providers-COVID-19.pdf

Washington State Department of Health Recommendations for Homeless Shelter Facilities during a COVID-19 Outbreak:

https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/13-RecommendationsforHomelessShelters.pdf

COVID Sanitation and Hygiene Webinar for Homeless Service Providers (Public Health Seattle and King County):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8hqdcT5isQ&feature=youtu.be

Rental Assistance

Volunteers of America Western Washington https://www.voaww.org/ offers resources and services in times of need; including programs designed to prevent homelessness and assistance in negotiating payment arrangements with landlords.

Q. I have received a pay-or-vacate notice.

A. Please contact 211 to screen for Homelessness Prevention services. Note: eligibility criteria applies to receive this service. When Homelessness Prevention doesn't fit for you, consider Landlord-Tenant negotiation during this challenging time.

VOAWW Homelessness Prevention 211 or (800) 223-8156

Q. I am facing eviction but have not contacted my landlord. I am fearful to do so.

A. Please contact Joseph Harter at VOAWW for more information and assistance in connecting with your Landlord and discovering options.

Joseph Harter (425) 212-2956 <u>gharter@voaww.org</u>

Trouble Paying Your Mortgage

If you do not have enough money in savings to cover your mortgage payment or rent, **contact your lender or landlord immediately**. Don't wait until you're behind on payments. Lenders may work with you to waive late fees, set up a repayment plan or offer loan forbearance. You can also contact the Washington Homeownership Hotline at 1.877.894.HOME for more information and assistance.

Food Security

Safeway and Albertson's Special Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for senor citizens, pregnant women and those with compromised immune systems.

https://www.safeway.com/steps-we-are-taking-at-your-grocery-store.html

Food boxes for justice involved households:

https://mailchi.mp/01dfef9be358/episode-1-2-of-psfs-new-podcast-our-social-impact-4817033?e=abaa407cde

WIC

WIC clinics in Snohomish County are providing services and issue benefits over the phone, rather than in-person. For families who may be interested in applying for WIC, they can search for the nearest clinic using www.parenthelp123.org or calling the Help Me Grow WA Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

Local Food Banks

For a list of food banks across Snohomish County, please refer to Attachment 1, "Snohomish County Food Banks".

Utility Assistance

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance is still accepting applications. Customers are being asked to call 425-388-3880 to schedule a phone appointment. Appointments are being scheduled for mid-April going forward. Please call the Energy Line at 425-388-3880 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

City of Everett Water Service

Catholic Community Services (CCS) administers an, "Everett Water Utilities" program. If people are on Everett Water and get shut off notices, CCS has program that may be able to help. A shut off notice will be required to determine eligibility. Please call (425) 257-2111 for more information.

Puget Sound Energy

PSE will **not be disconnecting customers** during this time.

PSE received approval from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for a waiver that allows PSE to **waive late fees.**

PSE will work with our customers on options such as <u>payment plans</u> and <u>choosing a new bill due</u> <u>date</u>.

PSE launched a new <u>energy assistance portal</u> to improve access to funds available to low income customers.

Health Care

Medical Insurance

Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) today is reminding Washingtonians who have seen a change in income to visit <u>Washington Healthplanfinder.org</u> or WAPlanfinder app to see if they could qualify for additional savings on their premiums as well as be eligible for free or low-cost coverage through Washington Apple Health.

Emergency prescription refills

An initial supply of up to thirty days of current prescriptions for legend drug (noncontrolled) medications or seven-day supply of current prescriptions for controlled substance medications in Schedules III, IV, and V may be provided to patients under the following conditions found here.

Multi-Care – FREE e-visits for those with Covid-19 symptoms

https://www.multicare.org/virtualcare/

Everett Clinic

Overview of where to go for Coronavirus testing and other medical advice https://everettclinic.com/sites/default/files/covid-wic-where-to-go 1.pdf

Emotional Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

https://emergency.cdc.gov/coping/selfcare.asp

https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/helping-children-cope.html

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fcoping.html

Parks

Meadowdale Park

https://snohomishcountywa.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Meadowdale-Beach-Park-56

A circuit course is available at Meadowdale park. Currently, there are only a few pieces, but offers a good option for physical activity. The course is located on the trail going down the gulch, which is a good workout, in and of itself.

Education

This resource lists education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closures

Sno-Isle Libraries are closed.

Any holds on checked out materials will be renewed Libraries are expanding online access https://www.sno-isle.org/

Virtual Museum Tours

https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?fbclid=lwAR37YRRI_UJAYKFDtXMc0ceylRiNHlx8jn7hO9ap7tPsRgjT76ZEbzc7uQ0

Connectivity

Internet Service

Comcast is offering new Internet Essentials customers 2 free months of internet service to help connect low-income families to the internet during this time.

After the two free months, you can cancel the service, or continue and make payments. https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19?fbclid=lwAR2NN4E1hhkWQlTf9HpXgDjawBzslWeb THaFCpJxupSXY 0S lhuDSeDHil

Cell Service

Individuals enrolled with Medicaid can access a free cell phone. Here is the link to CHPW'S Member Center Page regarding the <u>Free Cell Phone</u> program.

Discounted laptops for nonprofits and low-income households

https://store.3rtechnology.com/tap.html

All computers come loaded with Windows 10 Professional and Office 2010 (with Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint). Only non-profits or low-income individuals that qualify are eligible to receive these low-cost systems. Individuals must provide proof of income (standard documents such as EBT, Medicaid or SSD cards for example) and identification to purchase a computer. Nonprofits must upload their EIN document and number.

There are three types of laptops: Starter, Standard and Performance, and prices begin as low as \$119. Ordering is simple - just select "Low Income" or "Nonprofit Organization" from "Customer Group" when creating your account, and upload your supporting documents.

Pro-Social/Sober Support

Alcoholics Anonymous

https://www.aaonlinemeeting.net/

Narcotics Anonymous

https://virtual-na.org/

Unity Recovery

https://unityrecovery.zoom.us/j/2656499375?status=success

Suboxone Forum

https://www.suboxforum.com/

Support Groups Central

https://www.supportgroupscentral.com/

LifeRing Secular Recovery

https://www.lifering.org/online-meetings

SOS

http://www.sossobriety.org/on-line-groups

In the Rooms

https://www.intherooms.com/home/category/community-and-meetings/

Medication Assisted Recovery (MARA)

https://www.mara-international.org/web-based-mara

Multi-Lingual Information

Fact Sheets/Posters in different languages

https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020/FactSheet

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/fag-sp.html

https://www.snohd.org/501/Posters-for-Download

https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spanish-Plain-Language-

Information-on-Coronavirus.pdf

Attachment 1 Snohomish County Food Banks

Arlington Food Bank

19118 63rd Ave Ne, Arlington, WA 98223 (360) 435-1631 Monday & Friday 11:30-1pm, Wednesday 5:30-7pm Everyone welcome, no proof needed

Concern for Neighbors

4700 228th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
(425) 778-7227
Every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
Proof of residency within mapped area with a photo ID and utility bill
Additional people 18+ photo ID, children; birth certificate/school ID/current school records (photo on phone is acceptable)
Homeless: 1st time serve (photo ID needed for next)
Not living in area, will serve and referral

Crossview Church

604 Ave C East Snohomish, WA 98290 360-568-5886 Every Monday 10:30am- 11:00 1st time visit; fill out form.

Edmonds Food Bank/ Edmonds Senior Food Bank

828 Caspers Street Edmonds, WA 98020 425.778.2119 Follows Edmonds School District Open/Closed policy. Monday 4-5:30pm Tuesday 9:30

Edmonds Westgate Chapel Food Bank

22901 Edmonds Way
Edmonds, WA 98020
Thursday 11:00am – 2:00pm
First visit, bring WA state ID and proof of billing address
Emergency Bag Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Everett Gospel Mission & Day Center

3711 Smith Ave Everett, WA 98201 Box Food Tuesday and Thursday 1:30-3:00

Everett United Church of Christ

17310 W Main St Monroe, WA 98272 360-794-9849 Last two Mondays of the month from 9:30am-12:30 pm

The Father's House/Granite Falls Food Bank

402 S Granite Ave. Granite Falls, WA 98252 360.691.5290 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 4:30pm-6:30pm

Foothills Four Square Church

17310 W Main St Monroe, WA 98272 360-794-9849 Every Saturday at 10am

Lake Stevens Food Bank

2111 117th Ave NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258 (425) 334-3430 Thursday 11:30-6pm Proof of residency in 98258 zip code with Photo ID Homeless (no ID) will serve

Lynnwood Food Bank

5320 176th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037 (425) 745-1635

Wednesdays (every other Wednesday): seniors 2-2:30, 2:30-6:15pm Additional people 18+ photo ID, children; birth certificate/current school records/school ID/medical card

Homeless (and/or no ID) separate program: receive a non-cook bag

Maltby Food Bank

21104 86th Ave SE, Snohomish, WA 98296 Thursday 2:15-4:45pm Follow Monroe School District's open/close policy.

Marysville Food Bank

4150 88th St NE

Marysville, WA 98270

360-658-1054

Monday 9:00-11:00am for seniors 62+ & disabled clients only

Tuesday 3:00-6:30pm (3:00-6:30pm the last Tuesday each month)

Friday 9:00-11:00am

Proof of residency in 98270, 98271 & 98259 with ID and utility bill.

Additional people 18+ photo ID, children; birth certificate/current school records/school

ID/medical card

Meals on Wheels

425-347-1229

800-824-2183

Age 60 or older (younger people may qualify if all other criteria are met)

Mukilteo Food Bank

4514 84th St SW

Mukilteo, WA 98275

425-366-8229

Reside within the Mukilteo School District

Mondays 3-5:00pm

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 9-10:30am

Salvation Army Family

2525 Rucker Ave, Everett WA 98201

(425) 259-8129

Monday & Friday 10:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00am-4:30pm

ID every time, proof of residency (annually), children; name and birthdays

Homeless (and/or no ID) receive a non-cook bag

Seed of Grace - Allen Creek Community Church

7302 44th Ave NE Suite B-2 Marysville, WA 98270

360-659-7335 ext. 212

Wednesdays between 1-2pm by appointment, inside our AC3 office.

Sky Valley

233 Sky River Parkway

Monroe, Washington 98272

Phone: (360) 794-7959

Monday and Friday 9:00–11:30am, Wednesday 4:00–6:30pm

Application on first visit with Proof of ID and address; Homeless (no ID) will still be served

Sky Valley Mobile Food Bank

Index Community Church 622 Index Ave, Index, WA 98256 Monday afternoons from 12:00 to 12:30

Snohomish County Food Bank

1330 Ferguson Park Road Snohomish, WA 98290 Tuesdays 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Fridays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Provide ID and a utility or other bill with your address at time of service

Sultan Food Bank

617 1st Street Sultan, WA 98294 Thursdays 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Fridays 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Seeking donations as much as possible. With the increased demand on grocery stores, our grocery pickups have declined drastically. Looking for other staples like rice, pasta, canned goods and bread during this time.

WIC (Women/Infants/Children) Nutrition program

3020 Rucker Avenue 6101 200th SW
Suite 100 Suite 100
Everett, WA 98201 Lynwood, WA 98036

425-252-5303 425-258-8400