

Revision of Kittitas County Health Order: Stay at Home Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington Re-opening Plan

According to RCW 70.05.070(3), the Health Officer will control and prevent the spread of any dangerous, contagious or infectious diseases that may occur within his jurisdiction.

An outbreak of the disease caused by 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), especially within vulnerable populations, poses an immediate threat to public health and safety of the residents of Kittitas County and Washington State.

Kittitas County Health Officer, Mark Larson, MD, is requiring that all residents of Kittitas County stay at home except as permitted in Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington re-opening plan, found [here](#). Kittitas County's application to move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 was approved by Washington State Secretary of Health, John Wiesman, DrPH, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Additional updates to the Safe Start plan can be found [here](#).

RCW 70.05.120(4): Any person violating any of the provisions of chapters 70.05, 70.24, and 70.46 RCW or violating or refusing or neglecting to obey any of the rules, regulations or orders made for the prevention, suppression and control of dangerous contagious and infectious diseases by the local board of health or local health officer or administrative officer or state board of health, or who shall leave any isolation hospital or quarantined house or place without the consent of the proper health officer or who evades or breaks quarantine or conceals a case of contagious or infectious disease or assists in evading or breaking any quarantine or concealing any case of contagious or infectious disease, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days or to both fine and imprisonment.

THIS ORDER HEREBY REQUIRES:

To protect public health, the Health Officer orders all individuals living in Kittitas County to stay at home or at their place of residence except as permitted in Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington re-opening plan, found [here](#). In addition, and in consultation with the Kittitas County Emergency Management Department, the Health Officer may order cessation of any of the aforementioned exemptions, if necessary, to protect the health and well-being of Kittitas County residents.

The revision of this order is effective immediately as of Thursday, September 3, 2020 and shall continue in effect until Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless modified or rescinded. It shall be reviewed every 10 days to determine the need to continue this order and renewed as needed.

In all phases of the Safe Start Washington re-opening plan, all individuals should continue to maintain physical distancing, wear face coverings to protect others, stay home when sick, wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching the face with unwashed hands, and disinfect surfaces regularly.



In all phases, employers are required to maintain physical distancing for employees and patrons or provide alternative prevention measures when physical distancing is not possible for a particular job task. Employers must also provide necessary sanitation, hygiene, and disinfection measures. Additional requirements can be found in the Safe Start Washington re-opening plan, found [here](#) and [here](#). The intent of this order is to ensure that the greatest number of people in Kittitas County remain in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while maintaining essential services and allowing for the safe, phased re-opening of additional services in [Phase 3](#), to slow the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible. As this emergency continues, it is essential to continue to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable residents of Kittitas County and to prevent the healthcare delivery system from being overwhelmed.

When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services, return to work, or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for basic life functions, they should at all times, as reasonably possible, comply with physical distancing requirements. All provisions of this order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this order constitutes an imminent threat to public health.

To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times, as reasonably possible, maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. Social distancing requirements are waived for household members.

People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.

For the purposes of this order, individuals may leave their residence to perform essential activities, including tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a healthcare professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home. For the purposes of this order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any healthcare operation, including but not limited to hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services, behavioral health providers, and veterinary care.

Permitted activities include those necessary to obtain vital services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only with without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

In addition, allowable activities can include physical activity, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, running, bicycling, swimming, and camping, provided the individuals comply with physical distancing and [Phase 3](#) requirements. Other allowable activities may include caring for a family member or pet in another household.





To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

For businesses subject to environmental health regulations, inspections of such business establishments will continue to ensure compliance with this order and other applicable regulations. If a business or establishment licensed or permitted by the Kittitas County Public Health Department is found in violation of this order, that business's or establishment's permit and/or license may be revoked.

All Kittitas County businesses must have safety plans and protocols for the protection of employees and the public they serve. These plans should take into consideration physical distancing requirements, limiting customer capacity, altering business practices to include delivery or pickup, cleaning and disinfection protocols, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as necessary. These plans are intended to allow businesses and organizations to safely operate or resume operation at the earliest allowable date while decreasing community transmission of COVID-19, as well as the possibility of clusters or outbreaks specific to any one business or organization that could be detrimental to the success of that agency.

In **Phase 3**, non-essential travel is resumable. However, Kittitas County residents are encouraged to minimize any and all possible exposure to COVID-19, which may be more or less prevalent in other jurisdictions.

All indoor and outdoor gatherings with more than 10 people are prohibited, except as allowed under **Phase 3** exceptions in Washington state. Religious and faith-based organizations must follow all provisions of the "Religious and Faith-based Organization COVID-19 Requirements," which can be found [here](#) and, effective August 10, 2020, the requirements for [Religious Weddings and Funerals](#). Court and jury trial guidance can be found [here](#).

All residents of Kittitas County shall assist and comply with these directives until further notice. Kittitas County residents will be notified of this order via press release and more.

Any aggrieved person can petition the Kittitas County Superior Court for release from this Health Order. This Health Order shall become final unless, no later than ten (10) days after the Health Order is served, any person aggrieved by the order requests in writing an appeal before the Board of Health according to Kittitas County Code Chapter 13.75.070.

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Dr. Mark Larson
Health Officer

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Tristen Lamb
Public Health Director

September 3, 2020
Date



WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES

	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
High-Risk Populations*	Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 or Phase 2 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) - Recreational facilities at <25% capacity	Resume all recreational activity
Gatherings (non religious)	No gatherings	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 10 people	Allow gatherings with >10 people
Travel	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
Business/ Employers (All businesses will be required to follow safety plans written by the state)	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales - Retail (curbside pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Personal services (hair and nail salons/barbers, tattoo, etc.) - Pet grooming - Restaurants <50% capacity, table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) - Indoor dining with household only - Bars: no indoor seating unless min. food requirements in guidance met - Drive-in Movie Theaters - Library (curbside pick-up) - Limited indoor and fitness and training with 300 square feet of distance/person, up to 25% capacity for large facilities.	- Movie theaters at <25% capacity - Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for those specified for Phase 4	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene - Live entertainment

* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
** For the purposes of the Safe Start Phased Plans, bars are defined as taverns, breweries, wineries and distilleries.

Graphic as of 8/6/2020

