



Revision of Kittitas County Health Order: Stay at Home

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 the Washington State Proclamation by the Governor 20-25.8, "Stay Safe – Stay Health" Rollback of County-by-County Phased Reopening Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak Surge, which can be found [here](#). Guidance for these new state wide restrictions can be found [here](#). These requirements are in place until January 4, 2020, unless otherwise extended or rescinded by the State of Washington Office of the Governor.

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 the Washington State Proclamation by the Governor 20-25.8, "Stay Safe – Stay Health" Rollback of County-by-County Phased Reopening Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak Surge, 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 as of Thursday, December 24, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. and shall continue in effect until Saturday, January 2, 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 and modifications 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 and modifications, 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. 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 and masking 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.

These below modifications do not apply to education K-12 education childcare, health care, courts and judicial branch-related proceedings, all of which are exempt from the modifications and shall continue to follow current guidance.

- Indoor Social Gatherings with people from outside one's household, which is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile, are prohibited unless they:
 - a) quarantine for fourteen days (14) prior to the social gathering; or
 - b) quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering.
- Outdoor Social Gatherings shall be limited to five (5) people from outside a household.
- Restaurants and Bars are closed for indoor dine-in service. Outdoor dining and to-go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor dining must comply with the requirements of the Outdoor Dining Guidance [here](#). Table size for outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of five (5) people.
 - a) These modified restaurant and bar restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020.
- Fitness Facilities and Gyms are closed for indoor operations. Outdoor fitness classes are permitted but are subject to and limited by the outdoor social gathering restriction listed above.
- Miscellaneous Venues: All retail activities and business meetings are prohibited. Only professional training and testing that cannot be performed remotely, as well as all court and judicial branch-related proceedings, are allowed. Occupancy in each meeting room is limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
 - a) Miscellaneous venues include: convention/conference centers, designated meeting spaces in a hotel, events centers, fairgrounds, sporting arenas, nonprofit establishment, or a substantially similar venue.
- Movie Theaters are closed for indoor service. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.
- Museums/Zoos/Aquariums are closed for indoor service.



- Real Estate: Open houses are prohibited.
- Wedding and Funerals: Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.
- In-Store Retail shall be limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, and common/congregate seating areas and indoor dining facilities such as food courts are closed.
- Religious Services are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, or no more than 200 people, whichever is fewer. Congregation members/attendees must wear facial coverings at all times and congregation singing is prohibited. No choir, band, or ensemble shall perform during the service. Vocal or instrumental soloists are permitted to perform, and vocal soloists may have a single accompanist. Outdoor services must follow the Outdoor Dining Guidance, found above, as applicable to the structure or facility.
- Professional Services are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Any office that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
- Personal Services are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
 - a) Personal service providers include cosmetologists, cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning salons, and tattoo artists.
- Long-term Care Facilities: Outdoor visits are permitted. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted.
- Youth and Adult Sporting Activities: Indoor activities and all contests and games are prohibited. Outdoor activities shall be limited to intra-team practices only, with facial coverings required for all coaches, volunteers and athletes at all times.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tristen Lamb", written over a horizontal line.

Tristen Lamb
Public Health Director

December 23, 2020

Date