



COVID-19 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

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STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Island County, March 18th, 2020:

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is now wide-spread in Island County. All residents must take urgent action to help minimize the health impacts of COVID-19. Mandates and public health recommendations apply to our entire community, in all locations, on both Camano and Whidbey Islands. These include:

- Events with 50 people or more are prohibited.
- Events with fewer than 50 people are prohibited unless event organizers observe the COVID-19 prevention measures outlined by the Centers for Disease Control.
- Mandated temporary closure of restaurants (except take-out and delivery services), bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities.
- Close contact with others should be limited as much as possible.
- Individuals at-risk for severe illness should stay at home.

These mandates and recommendations are needed to support the most vulnerable in our community, and are a protection for everyone. The more united we can be in preventing the spread, the greater the benefit for the whole community.

Updates on the number of cases in Island County and guidance will be posted here: www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx.

Updated information can also be found here:

WA State Department of Health – www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus

WA State Call Center - 1.800.525.0127, Sunday through Saturday (6:00am – 10:00pm)

Island County Public Health – Call Center: 360.678.2301

- Mondays through Fridays (8:00am – 4:30pm)
- Saturdays and Sundays (9:00pm – 4:00pm)