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ISLAND COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE: COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS

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Island County Public Health wants to keep you as informed as possible about continuing developments surrounding novel coronavirus and our response within the county. Governor Jay Inslee announced new community strategies and social distancing plans to minimize exposure to COVID-19 in a [press conference](#) on March 11th. In concert with this announcement, Island County Public Health has updated their recommendations on events and gatherings.

Recommendations for Events and Gatherings

- 1. Essential versus Non-essential:** Consider if the event or gathering is essential. Non-essential events are discouraged. Some examples of non-essential events include, but are not limited to: parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities.
- 2. Size:** It is recommended to cancel events involving more than 250 people.
- 3. Indoor versus Outdoor:** It is not recommended to cancel outdoor activities of less than 250 people, provided that people can maintain six feet of distance between each other (i.e., social distancing).

Additional Recommendations

- **Schools:** It is recommended that school districts start to make contingency plans around how they could provide services to families in need if schools closed for several weeks. Potential issues to address include free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch, students completing school work at home, and child care options.
- **High-Risk Groups:** It is recommended that people over 60, those with underlying health conditions, and women who are pregnant, avoid contact with others, including attendance at large events.
- **Workplaces:** Implement changes to the workplace such as maximizing telecommuting options for as many employees as possible, and implementing social distancing in the workplace within reason.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in Island County, start by visiting our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) page.

Public can contact the Island County call center at **1-360-678-2301. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.**