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### STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

On March 2, 2020, the Board of Island County Commissioners formally declared a state of emergency for all of Island County relative to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

By this declaration Island County activates its local emergency management plans and grants emergency use of local resources and authorizes use of emergency expenditures. This will allow for a more rapid response time in order to assist affected individuals to recover from the outbreak.

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Island County has declared a State of Emergency as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. This in turn triggers our local Emergency Management Plan.

Activities and information so far is to continue to try to avoid contact and therefore exposure:

- Wash hands frequently and use sanitizer when available
- Avoid contact and gatherings
- Cover your sneezes
- Work from home if possible
- Make sure you have home supplies to support you through a quarantine period (14 days)
- Phone you neighbors - particularly those with health risks - to verify their safety
- The City is participating in daily phone calls with the State and County Emergency Agencies for the latest updates and instructions.

The City is working with Whidbey Health and Emergency Management to develop a protocol for assisting those who believe they have a need for testing/treatment of the virus.