

Coronavirus Pandemic: Stay Home, Stay Healthy

THINGS TO KNOW

Washington State requirements

To help protect the public safety and slow the transmission of coronavirus, Governor Jay Inslee signed a state-wide “Stay at Home Order,” taking effect on March 25. The order – originally set for two weeks – could be extended, and applies within the City of Tukwila. Some things to know about the order:

- Every Washingtonian is required to stay home unless they need to pursue one of a variety of essential activities. More information can be found at [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov).
- All gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes are prohibited.
- All businesses – except for essential businesses – must close. See what are essential businesses at [coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed/essential-business](https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed/essential-business)

Calling 9-1-1

The Tukwila Police and Fire Departments respond to all life-threatening emergencies. If you feel you have life-threatening coronavirus symptoms (fever, cough or difficulty breathing), don't be afraid to call **9-1-1**. Our Police and Fire will help you get the care you need.

Be transparent with the 9-1-1 dispatcher about the severity of your symptoms. If your symptoms are minor, continue to consult with your primary care physician.

PERSONAL HEALTH

Social Distancing is the *most important thing* everyone can do to fight the pandemic. We ALL need to work together to slow the spread of coronavirus. Make these your best practices:

- Stay at home and avoid all non-essential contact with others.
- Limit trips for groceries, gas and other essentials.
- If you must go out, stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when you cannot wash your hands.
- Create new habits with reminders to avoid touching your face and to cover coughs and sneezes.

BUSINESS IMPACTS

Small Businesses Assistance

The federal Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing up to \$2 million to help with operating expenses. For more information, go to

[DisasterLoan.sba.gov/ela/Information/EIDLLoans](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/EIDLLoans)

State and Federal Taxes

The Washington State Department of Revenue can provide extensions on taxes or waive penalties, for more information, visit

dor.wa.gov/about/business-relief-during-covid-19-pandemic

The Internal Revenue Service is allowing more time to file annual taxes. For more information, go to

[IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)

The City recommends that you carefully document the impacts to your business, including financial losses, canceled events, etc. This documentation could be required for any insurance claims or potential future relief programs from government agencies.

If you work, manage, or own a business in the City, email EconomicDevelopmentBusiness@TukwilaWA.gov

WORKERS

Unemployment

There is special information if your employment has been impacted by COVID-19. To apply:

Go online: [ESD.wa.gov/unemployment](https://www.esd.wa.gov/unemployment)

Under COVID-19 (coronavirus) update heading, click on [unemployment application checklist](#)

By phone: **1-800-318-6022**

Find additional resource information:

[UWKC.org/news/unemployed-due-to-coronavirus-pandemic-heres-where-to-get-help/](https://www.uwkc.org/news/unemployed-due-to-coronavirus-pandemic-heres-where-to-get-help/)

Workers' Compensation

Anyone whose job has brought them into direct contact with someone with coronavirus (first responder or healthcare worker, for example) and has become ill – or is required to quarantine – can file for Workers' Compensation. For more information, go to

[LNI.wa.gov/](https://www.lni.wa.gov/)

Other Resources

The United Way of King County also has information on additional resources available. Visit [UWKC.org](https://www.uwkc.org)

Resources Available to Assist Tukwila Residents

The City of Tukwila has a regularly-updated web page providing information and links relating to City activities, events and operations. Visit TukwilaWA.gov/COVID

UTILITIES

Many major utility companies throughout the region have announced programs to help rate payers with utility bills during the pandemic, including suspension of shutoff for non-payment.

Seattle City Light Discount Program

Effective immediately, all SCL customers can set up deferred payment plans if their financial stability has been jeopardized by COVID-19. Utility service will stay on as their deferred payment plans are developed and implemented. Up to 60% off for income-qualified customers.

Phone: **206-684-0268**

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

If your main source of heat is electricity, gas, or heating oil, and you need help paying your utility bill during the winter season, schedule:

Phone: **253-517-2263**

Puget Sound Energy

PSE will not disconnect customers for non-payment during this time. To learn more, call during business hours (Monday–Friday, 7:30AM–6:30PM)

Phone: **1-888-225-5773** Online: PSE.com

City of Tukwila Water/Sewer

Service will not be shut off for non-payment during this time. Call the Finance Department for more information and to make payment arrangements.

Phone: **206-433-1835**

Comcast, Verizon, CenturyLink, T-Mobile, Spectrum Mobile, AT&T

All have support for residents impacted by COVID-19. Call your carrier to find out more specific details.

Tukwila Human Services

If you are a TUKWILA RESIDENT,
please call for information about low-income
emergency rent or utility assistance.
Phone: **206-433-7181** or **206-433-7180**

FOOD

Tukwila Pantry

Location: 3118 S. 140th St. Phone: **206-431-8293**

Open days: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Open hours: 12:30 to 2:30PM

12:00 to 12:30PM, for SENIORS ONLY

Senior Lunches

Serves a free meal per day to vulnerable, isolated seniors through Tukwila's Senior Recreation Program. Call Tukwila Community Center for more information.

Phone: **206-768-2822**

DSHS Food Benefits

Interview hours are 8:00AM–3:00PM, Monday–Friday

Extremely high call volumes; you may experience delays.

Phone: **1-877-501-2233**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

24-hour Advocacy and Support Line

Phone: **425-656-7867**

RENTALS

With the current State of Emergency declared in Washington due to COVID-19, Governor Inslee has ordered a temporary stop to evictions due to failure to pay rent. The King County Sheriff's Office will not proceed with any King County evictions solely for default on payment of rent. Further, the Tukwila City Council recently passed a resolution calling on a moratorium on residential evictions.

Tenant's Rights

Housing Justice Project – for eviction disputes

Monday–Friday, 8:00AM–12:00PM

Phone: **253-234-4204**, Spanish: **206-267-7090**

Email: HJPstaff@KCBA.org

Tenant's Union

Tenants' Rights Hotline: 206-723-0500

Hours Mon–Wed: 10:00AM–12:30PM and 1:30–4:00PM

Thursday: 10:00AM–12:30PM

Saturday: 11:00AM–3:00PM



City of Tukwila – **206-433-1800**

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for more information