

# COVID-19 Guidance and Legislative Action

Dear Neighbors,

As you all know, Washington State is facing a COVID-19 pandemic. I wanted to give you a brief idea of what has happened at the state level so far (as of early April) and make sure you have access to the state COVID-19 website, <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>. That website will have the most up-to-date information on the latest guidance from the Governor's office, unemployment insurance and business assistance, and more.

The Legislature's budget for this year transferred \$200 million out of the Budget Stabilization Account (the so-called "Rainy Day Fund") for the state's COVID-19 response. This will fund expanded unemployment insurance, accelerated testing, more healthcare personnel, and more. This may not be enough—we will monitor this as it develops—but it was the immediate first step as the pandemic accelerated in March.

Our office is happy to help constituents who need assistance from state agencies during the COVID-19 outbreak. We've fielded many inquiries already (everything from questions about how to keep businesses operating during the shutdown to offers to provide equipment to fight the outbreak) and I'm sure there will be more. Email me at [drew.hansen@leg.wa.gov](mailto:drew.hansen@leg.wa.gov), and we will connect you with the right people or deputize our staff to assist you directly.

Please stay healthy and stay safe during this difficult time, and do contact our office if we can assist you in your dealings with state government. Once more, the most up-to-date resource will be the state's COVID-19 website, <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>.

Sincerely,



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