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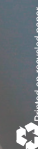
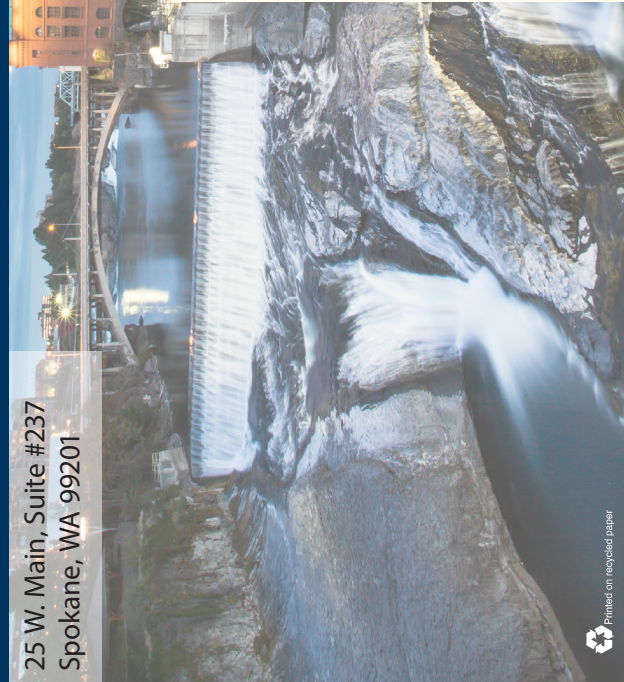
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“The health and safety of our community is our top priority. As we face the COVID-19 health and economic crisis together, we are proud to represent such a strong, resilient community.”

— **Andy, Timm & Marcus**

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Responding to COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

While this is a concerning and uncertain time in terms of both the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to make sure you are aware of some of the state and local resources available to you, as well as update you on the recent actions taken by the Legislature and the governor related to the outbreak.

We know the strength and will of Washingtonians combined with the support of our government and our friends, families and neighbors will get us through this crisis.

The governor and Legislature have taken the following steps to:

- Appropriate **\$200 million in emergency funding** to support testing, expand hospital capacity, support our state and local public health response, and support businesses impacted
- Expand **unemployment insurance** for people who are quarantined and waived the one-week waiting period to receive approval
- Support access to **health care coverage** by opening WA Health Exchange enrollment for anyone who does not currently have health insurance
- Boost funding for **low-income healthcare access**, rural health clinics, and foundational public health
- Support **businesses that rehire employees** who had to go on unemployment insurance because of the coronavirus emergency

- Reimburse **nursing homes** and adult supported living facilities that aid in the coronavirus response
- Adopt a 30-day statewide **moratorium on evictions**
- Encourage **utilities to suspend shut-offs** & waive late fees for out-of-work customers
- Expand investments in **affordable housing** and new shelters by \$160 million
- Authorize **flexibility on state tax collections** and waive late fees on licensing renewals
- Provide flexibility to allow **high school seniors** to graduate this year if they were on track for graduation before the emergency declaration
- Add \$140 million to **increase access to childcare, strengthen the foster care system, and expand early learning programs** so that kids will have support when this crisis is over.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Here is a list of resources to answer questions you may have.

- **The state** has developed a central portal for all information related to the COVID-19 outbreak in Washington at [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov) and here in Spokane we have a local resource at spokanecovidresponse.com.

- **If you are an employee** who is missing work because of illness, limited hours, or temporary layoffs, the Employment Security Department has comprehensive resources at esd.wa.gov.
- **If your small business is impacted**, the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) may be able to provide assistance through the Economic Injury Disaster Loans program to businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury. You can find more info and apply online at www.sba.gov.
- **If you are looking for work**, the Employment Security Department is doing emergency hiring around the state. Search and apply at careers.wa.gov.
- **If you are currently uninsured due to a loss of work**, you can apply for health coverage through the Washington Health Benefit Exchange. Find information at www.wahbexchange.org.
- **If you are seeing instances of price-gouging and scams** during this public health crisis, Attorney General Bob Ferguson is gathering complaints at this website: www.atg.wa.gov.
- **If you need access to food resources**, information is available online at myspokane311.force.com or Spokane residents can call 311 Mon-Fri from 7.a.m – 6 p.m.
*interpreter services available. A local food map can be found at: tinyurl.com/SpokanePantries

