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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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Through: Mr. Michael O'Hare  
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Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.36, I request that you declare a Major Disaster for the State of Washington as a direct result of the overwhelming and adverse impacts from the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2019 (COVID-19) beginning January 20, 2020 and continuing. I am specifically requesting the full suite of Individual Assistance Programs for all counties in the State of Washington. This pandemic has placed an enormous burden on communities across the State and its impacts continue to adversely affect millions of individuals and families in Washington state. In order to immediately alleviate suffering and provide support to those who continue to be severely impacted by this disaster, I am also requesting you authorize the full suite of Individual Assistance Programs detailed below:

- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance.** Tens of thousands of individuals have found themselves unemployed and will require disaster unemployment assistance that is not otherwise available through state disaster unemployment programs, including health care workers and first responders that are unable to work because they are under quarantine. Tens of thousands of individuals are also temporarily unemployed as a result of social



distancing measures intended to mitigate the spread of this deadly virus. In just a one-week period, the Washington State Employment Security Division saw a 150 percent increase in unemployment applications. I asked public utilities in the state to temporarily suspend shut-offs, waive late fees for recently unemployed customers, and provide financial assistance to impacted customers where possible. I also waived the one-week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits on March 18. However, with the recent massive influx of unemployment assistance claims, including from individuals that may be self-employed, part-time or otherwise ineligible for state unemployment assistance, additional disaster unemployment assistance is needed.

- **Disaster Legal Services.** With the widespread impacts of this disaster, there is a substantial increase in the number of insurance claims related to items such as health, property, employment, and taxes. The Disaster Legal Services Program is requested to help individuals work through disputes with contractors, landlords, insurance companies, and other entities. With the many protective measures taken by governmental officials to protect individuals and families, there is a growing need for significant legal assistance, especially for low-income individuals who are unable to secure legal services.
- **Disaster Case Management.** This disaster has caused and continues to cause extensive impacts to communities across the state. The recovery from this disaster will be unlike anything our state has dealt with in the past. Our state greatly needs the Immediate Disaster Case Management (IDCM) and the Disaster Case Management (DCM) programs in order to support the unmet needs of tens of thousands of individuals including the large numbers of at-risk populations such as older adults, people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, children, and those with limited English proficiency.
- **Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program.** The long-term impacts to this disaster include significant mental and behavioral health concerns. As senior centers, faith-based organizations, and other voluntary organizations close and cancel services, the local mental health need is expected to grow across the state. Many services provided by state, local, and tribal governmental agencies have been forced to close due to concerns over public health and safety. Locations offering congregate nutrition meal site programs, behavioral health, and other services to individuals and families in communities across the state, including to very low-income and homeless individuals and families, have either been closed completely or reduced their services. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected our most at-risk populations and resulted in reduced operations or closures of libraries, adult day care centers, skilled nursing programs, client transition services, community choice guiding services, counseling and support groups, senior foot care centers, and many other governmental and non-governmental programs that are vital to supporting the well-being of individuals and families in our communities. The enormity of this disaster will require substantial supportive crisis counseling, education, development of coping skills, and a robust support system that Washington state is unable to adequately provide without federal assistance.

- **Individuals and Households Program Assistance.** Due to the infectious nature of this pandemic, to prevent additional loss and mitigate further health and safety issues, the FEMA Clean and Removal Assistance program will be needed to assist homeowners with contamination related to COVID-19. Other Needs Assistance under the Individuals and Households Program Assistance is needed to provide financial support for the many individuals who are uninsured or underinsured and have serious unmet needs. Additionally, there the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has seen a dramatic uptick in the demand for their programs because of the widespread impacts from COVID-19 in many low-income communities. In State Fiscal Year 2019, the monthly average caseload for individuals receiving DSHS food assistance was 490,545, with 34.4 percent of recipients categorized as children. As the impacts from individuals and families who have found themselves unemployed or unable to attend school, the need for additional supplemental food assistance will likely continue to increase considerably. Individuals with serious unmet needs will require financial assistance and direct assistance to include rental assistance as well as Other Needs Assistance to augment the limited state assistance.
- **Voluntary Agency Coordination.** This disaster will also require significant support from voluntary agencies, especially to manage long-term recovery needs of the most heavily impacted communities. The Voluntary Agency Coordination Program provides Voluntary Agency Liaisons to work with communities and non-profits and support the coordination of recovery assistance where it is needed most. Technical assistance, coordination, and subject matter expertise is required to support communities in identifying resource gaps and supporting their recovery.
- **Mass Care and Emergency Assistance.** In addition to the support authorized by the recent Emergency Declaration (FEMA EM-3427), additional Mass Care and Emergency Assistance is needed to support this historic coordinated effort to provide such activities as: sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency supplies, and support for individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Many of our most at-risk populations are in need of support such as feeding, sheltering, and distribution of emergency supplies (including but not limited to, medications, baby diapers and formula, mobile feeding, and meal preparation kits), especially due to statewide restrictions on the operations of restaurants and schools.

### Incident Timeline

As you are aware, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) for the United States. On March 11, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic. You declared a national emergency on March 13, in accordance with Section 201 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1621.

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As of March 18, there are 1,187 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state of Washington, of which 68 have resulted in fatality. These numbers are anticipated to grow exponentially as the disease spreads rapidly in the coming weeks.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, unprecedented disruption of normal community functions and services including disruption to and an increased demand for lifesaving and life sustaining services, supplies and equipment; disruptions to and an increased demand for essential community services; and jeopardizes the health and safety of all people of the State.

### **State and Local Response**

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of state, local, and tribal government resources that have been, or will be used, to alleviate conditions of this unprecedented disaster for our state.

The Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA-EMD) is currently supporting state agencies, local jurisdictions and tribal governments, through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SEOC activated January 24, 2020, to establish, maintain and share situational awareness. I signed Governor's Proclamation 20-05 on February 29, proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists for all counties in the State and directed that the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) be implemented. I ordered into active state service the organized militia of the state to include the National Guard and the State Guard and requested Washington state health insurers to waive deductibles and copays for COVID-19 tests. The Insurance Commissioner for the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner issued Emergency Order No. 20-01 on March 5, in response to my directive. I authorized the SEOC on March 12 to purchase bulk Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for unified state, local and private response to mitigate the spread of this virus and protect public health.

As the virus continues to spread within our own borders, I have urged federal, state, and local leaders to remain united in their efforts to keep Washingtonians safe. I met with Vice President Pence and congressional delegates on March 5 to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic, its threat to overwhelm our medical capabilities, and the significant impacts to the livelihoods of our state and our nation's people.

As the risk of illness and death appears to be higher in those members of the population over the age of 60 as well as in those with pre-existing chronic health conditions; and, because there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 in populations living in congregate settings such as nursing homes and long-term care facilities, I signed Governor's Proclamation 20-06 on March 10. This proclamation reaffirmed proclamation 20-05, prohibited activities in nursing homes and long-term care facilities that could spread COVID-19, and waived statutes and regulations that hinder or delay the actions by the medical community necessary to cope with COVID-19, suspending them through April 9. Furthermore, in order to maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I signed Governor's Proclamation 20-07 on March 11 in which I prohibited

gatherings of 250 people or more for social, spiritual, and recreational activities including, but not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

Recognizing the need to take more drastic mitigation measures to slow the spread of this deadly pandemic, I signed Governor's Proclamation 20-08, on March 12 to prohibit public school districts, charter schools, and private schools in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties from conducting in-person educational, recreational, and other K-12 school programs in their school facilities. I since signed Governor's Proclamations 20-09, 20-10, 20-11 and 20-12 on March 13 placing similar restriction on all K-12 schools, colleges, and universities in the state, restricting the number of visitors to long term care facilities, and expanding the prohibition against gatherings of 250 people or more to apply statewide. I also signed Governor's Proclamations 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, and 20-17 to place statewide limits on food and beverage services and other areas of congregation, further reducing the gathering limit from 250 people to 50 people, waiving and suspending certain Washington Department of Licensing rules pertaining to renewals of driver licenses and identification cards, and prohibiting all persons from visiting long term care facilities under most circumstances. These extraordinary measures were taken to combat the community spread that is ravaging our communities.

State and local public health officials have spent substantial resources to take all emergency protective measures to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. State and local officials, working in concert with federal agencies, developed and enforced the protective health measures in place for all passengers coming from China arriving at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport when the COVID-19 outbreak was first reported internationally. State agencies continue to conduct planning and resiliency activities to ensure the continuity of operations and maintain airport employee and traveler safety. State agency support to the COVID-19 pandemic includes 14 state agencies that have activated their Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), Emergency Coordination Centers (ECCs) and/or their Incident Management Teams. At least 17 state agencies have recently updated their Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and seven have implemented their plans. Twenty-two state agencies are communicating the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) guidance to their staff, as well as their stakeholders throughout the state as the pandemic unfolds.

#### State Agency ECC Activations/COOP Activations

- Washington State Patrol: Partial activation
- State Department of Veteran Affairs: ECC Full activation, VA COOP activation
- Department of Corrections: EOC Level 1 (full)
- Department of Ecology: EOC Level 2 (partial)
- Department of Fish and Wildlife: COOP activated 3/2/20
- Labor and Industry: ECC Level 2 (partial)
- Department of Licensing: EOC Level 1 (full), COOP activated
- Department of Social and Health Services: ECC activated
- State Liquor and Cannabis Board: ECC activated, COOP activated

- Office of Financial Management: EOC is virtual, COOP activated
- Office of the Insurance Commissioner: COOP Phase 2 activated
- Department of the Treasurer: COOP partially activated
- State Attorney General: EOC Level 2 (partial)
- State Conservation Commission: COOP activated
- Department of Commerce: COOP activated

As of March 12, 2020, 36 of the 39 counties in the State have activated their EOCs. This enormous and concerted level of multi-jurisdictional response and coordination has never before occurred in state history. The SEOC, FEMA and HHS are supporting the COVID-19 response under a Unified Area Command Structure and supporting the implementation of non-pharmaceutical intervention guidance.

State, local, and tribal EOCs are providing support to the Department of Health Incident Command Structure which has stood up to support the COVID-19 pandemic event.

Several branches of the Incident Management Team (IMT) were activated including:

- Epidemiology Strike Team
- Community Engagement Task Force
- Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention Work-groups
- Area Command

The state, local, and tribal governments' EOC activation levels and emergency declarations are as follows:

State EOC Activation Level

Level 1 Full

- Activated Emergency Support Functions (ESF): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 20.

Local EOC Activation Levels and Emergency Declarations

County / Tribe EOC	Activated (Y/N)	County/Tribe	City EOCs	
		Proc/Dec	Activated	Proc/Dec
King	Y	Y	28	29
Snohomish	Y	Y	3	1
Pierce	Y	Y	2	----
Island	Y	----	----	----
Kitsap	Y	Y	1	1
Skagit	Y	Y	----	----
Yakima	Y	Y	2	6
Clark	Y	Y	----	4
Kittitas	Y	Y	2	----
Thurston	Y	Y	----	1

County / Tribe	Activated (Y/N)	County/Tribe	City EOCs	
EOC		Proc/Dec	Activated	Proc/Dec
Spokane	Y	----	----	----
Whatcom	Y	Y	----	----
Grant	Y	Y	----	----
Jefferson	Y	----	----	----
Chelan	Y	Y	----	----
Columbia	Y	----	----	----
Grays Harbor	Y	Y	----	----
Lewis	Y	Y	----	2
Lincoln	Y	----	----	----
Klickitat	Y	Y	----	----
Franklin	Y	Y	----	----
Adams	Y	----	----	----
Asotin		Y	----	1
Benton	Y	Y	----	----
Clallam	Y	----	----	----
Colville Tribes	Y	Y	----	----
Cowlitz	Y	Y	----	----
Cowlitz Indian Tribe		Y	----	----
Douglas	Y	Y	----	----
Ferry	Y	Y	----	----
Garfield	Monitor	----	----	----
Lummi Nation	Monitor	Y	----	----
Makah Tribe	Y	Y	----	----
Nisqually Tribe		Y	----	----
Mason	Y	Y	----	----
Pacific	Y	----	----	----
Pend Oreille	Y	Y	----	----
Lower Elwha Tribe		Y	----	----
Samish Indian Nation	Monitor	Y	----	----
San Juan	Y	----	----	----
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe		Y	----	----
Skamania	Monitor	Y	----	----
Snoqualmie Tribe		Y	----	----
Squaxin Island Tribe	Y	Y	----	----
Stillaguamish Tribe	Y	Y	----	----
Suquamish Tribe	Monitor	Y	----	----
Swinomish Tribe	Monitor	Y	----	----

County / Tribe	Activated (Y/N)	County/Tribe	City EOCs	
EOC		Proc/Dec	Activated	Proc/Dec
Walla Walla	Y	Y	----	----
Wahkiakum	Y	Y	----	----

**State and Local Impacts**

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of state, local, and tribal government resources that have been, or will be used, to alleviate conditions of this COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

The first reported death in the U.S. from COVID-19 was confirmed in Washington State on February 29, 2020. The continuing and exponential spread of the virus has led to extensive closures of schools and cancellations of a tremendous number of public events and conferences, increasingly impacting state and local economies and placing a considerable burden on state and local public health workers, emergency responders, and government officials. Facebook Inc. closed one of its offices in the Seattle area after an employee was diagnosed with the virus, directly impacting approximately 150 people. Facebook Inc. is encouraging its 5,000-employee workforce to work remotely for the time being. Amazon Inc., another major employer in the Seattle area also asked its 50,000-employee workforce to work from home until at least the end of March, after an employee at its headquarters in Seattle tested positive.

The small business community in our state has suffered substantial economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. With major employers closing their doors or encouraging employees to work from home, small business, hospitality, and entertainment commerce has dropped precipitously across the Puget Sound region. Many small businesses do not have sufficient capital to withstand closures lasting multiple weeks, forcing them to take drastic measures including temporary lay-offs to stay afloat. I established a COVID-19 Economic Retention and Recovery Task Force, chaired by the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Employment Security Department to increase the resilience of the business community through compounding and cascading impacts of this unprecedented and financially trying time. Lastly, many of the Native American Tribes in the state have made the difficult decision to close their casinos, which will have major economic implications for employment, tourism, and hospitality industries in the tribal communities and the surrounding jurisdictions.

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) declared an Economic Injury Disaster on March 16, 2020, which will cover 32 of the 39 counties in the state. I have requested an SBA Economic Injury Disaster be approved for the remaining counties in the state. The full economic impact to our state, though not yet fully realized, will require substantial financial assistance from the federal government for years to come.

The first person in the U.S. diagnosed with COVID-19 was in Washington State after an individual was admitted to the hospital on January 20. Subsequently, the Washington DOH activated its IMT Strike Teams in response to this initial outbreak. Washington DOH’s efforts in its initial response began in the City of Shoreline at the Public Health Lab and later expanded to



Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention workgroups located at the SEOC, an Area Command located in the City of Tumwater at the Agency Coordination Center, and an Incident Management Team stationed at Shoreline. Washington DOH, in close coordination with federal health authorities, continues to lead the coordination of the extraordinary response operations to address the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing epidemiology and lab testing operations, supporting healthcare systems readiness, emphasizing mitigation efforts, and conducting advance measures planning for quarantine and isolation. Of particular concern is the spread of the virus outside of the Puget Sound area into all areas of western and eastern Washington. The spread into eastern Washington, across the Cascade Range, dramatically increases the complexity of ongoing operations.

As of March 18, 2020, Washington DOH has been activated for 57 days in response operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, involving 650 staff, including 295 staff working sustained operations and 62 staff in travel status. The total hours worked by DOH staff through March 15, 2020 so far is 52,393 with a total cost to the state agency of \$3,918,600, at an average daily cost of \$68,900. The SEOC has spent approximately \$203,664 at an average daily burn rate of \$15,666 (WA-EMD and State Guard Personnel only). The total hours worked by Washington Military Department state and military personnel is approximately 2,972. Other state agency expenditures related to this response as of March 18, 2020 total \$74,780.

As the response to the pandemic ramps up exponentially, local and state agencies are spending an extraordinary amount of resources to protect the public. This disaster has followed on the heels of an extremely difficult winter season, during which Washington communities were impacted by significant severe weather events in December, January, and February. State, local, and tribal governments are reeling from the cumulative fiscal, communal, and social impacts of these disasters.

#### Quarantine/Isolation Shelters

- King County: 6 shelters pending
- Lewis County: 1 shelter pending
- Pierce County: 2 shelters pending
- Snohomish County: 1 shelter pending

#### Actions Being Undertaken

Numerous isolation, containment and mitigation measures are being undertaken by City and King County officials including the complete cancellation of most events (community, religious, sporting, recreational, social, etc.) through March. Government officials are also monitoring and reviewing all events under 50 people to ensure they meet certain health protective measures. The King County Executive issued a Proclamation of Emergency to speed the response to COVID-19 on March 1. Pursuant to the current Proclamation of Emergency, an Executive Order was issued, authorizing the temporary suspension of labor agreements for continuity of operations. The order also allows Solid Waste to modify operations/service charges as needed. As of March 18, 17 Long Term Care facilities have confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The Disaster Medical Coordination Center (DMCC) at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle has been activated for patient transport and is only managing impacted facilities. The DMCC is operationalizing its Panflu Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan along with additional COOP plans for Seattle Public Utilities, Human Services, and Parks and Recreation.

In the City of Kirkland, officials are engaging with all parties to implement Seattle and King County Public Health departments health protective measures during emergency and medical response. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and Health and Human Services are helping to manage the long-term care facility in the City of Kirkland where significant community spread of COVID-19 recently occurred. As a result of COVID-19, the City implemented the following modifications to the Municipal Court schedule:

- No jury trials will be held in March. Jury trials rescheduled to April.
- Probation appointments will be conducted by phone.
- The Leadership and Community Court meetings postponed indefinitely.
- The court will continue to grant continuances due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, the City of Kirkland is cancelling all evening meetings except the City Council until the end of March. The City Parks and Recreation programs are also cancelled through the remainder of the month.

City, County, and Tribal jurisdictions are undertaking many of the following actions to protect public health and safety to mitigate the serious impacts to their communities:

- COVID-19 case investigation and testing are a priority.
- Track and monitor medical surge.
- Information sharing across public and private sectors.
- Keeping up with resourcing needs.
- Coordinating public messaging and public outreach.
- Contingency planning for Isolation and Quarantine procedures.
- Business Economic Recovery planning.
- Merging health department and emergency management departments to provide a unified area command structure and facilitate coordination.
- Execute distribution plan for supplies to county departments and respond to supply requests.

#### Primary, Secondary, University School Closures

Many school districts have taken the necessary health protective measures to close schools as initial cases were confirmed in their communities or out of an abundance of caution. School districts have been advised to create plans for distance learning, childcare, food support, and other community support activities. In order to use K-12 resources to support their communities, several counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are currently offering childcare for first responders, medical staff, and other families in need during school closures.

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the state, I have implemented stringent social distancing measures. As a result of Proclamation Amendment 20-09, ALL public and private K-12 schools in the state are prohibited from conducting in-person educational, recreational, and other K-12 school programs in their school facilities from March 17 through April 24, unless extended beyond that date. Proclamation Amendment 20-10 ordered all public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeships and similar programs to suspend in-person classroom instruction and lectures related to all educational and apprenticeship related programs. Educational activities which require in-person participation such as labs and clinics may still occur if social distancing measures are strictly implemented.

The number of K-12 students receiving free and reduced meals in Washington state is 1,106,784. While many school districts are striving to continue providing access to the USDA Child Nutrition Program, a large proportion of students do not have access. Schools buses are no longer taking children to school and many families are unable to drive their children to the site multiple times per day to access food assistance. Schools also serve as vital behavioral health and social support for students struggling at home and provide a safe learning environment for them to grow. With in-person instruction including recreational activities prohibited until at least April 24 and other after school activities cancelled, there will be major impacts on the physical and mental health of many students. These extraordinary, but necessary measures were taken to prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission of COVID-19 in the state.

#### Significant Event Cancellations/Postponements and Service Shutdowns

- As of March 11, all events (community, religious, sporting, recreational, social, etc.) over 250 people have been prohibited through March.
- As of March 11, all events (community, religious, sporting, recreational, social, etc.) under 250 people must meet certain health protective measures in order to continue.
- As of March 13, all events (community, religious, sporting, recreational, social, etc.) over 50 people have been prohibited through March.
- As of March 13, all events (community, religious, sporting, recreational, social, etc.) under 50 people must meet certain health protective measures in order to continue.
- As of March 16, there is a state-wide shutdown of restaurants, bars, entertainment, and recreational facilities. Restaurants are allowed to provide take-out and delivery services.
- As of March 18, the Canadian border closed to non-Canadian and United States citizens, directly impacting critical major truck freight economic corridors for the State of Washington economy. The total number of legal U.S.-Canada border crossings in 2019 was 21,613,814, including 6,869,686 personal vehicles carrying 12,711,498 passengers and nearly 656,000 trucks.
- Public library events cancelled across the state
- Park and Community services events and preschool cancelled across the state
- Council of Neighborhoods meetings cancelled
- Small Business Roundtable cancelled
- Happy Hour Business Expo postponed
- Washington State Historical Society cancelled programs
- South Sound Sustainability Expo, Greater Tacoma Convention Center cancelled

- Reports of statewide blood supply shortages
- County District and County Municipal Court closures and cancellations of scheduled hearings
- Recreational impacts and interpretive programs cancelled statewide
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport has seen a nearly 70% reduction in daily passengers. This dramatic decrease in passengers includes a substantial number of tourists and business people coming to Washington state to conduct their business.

These drastic measures were taken to save lives and protect public health and safety. The economic impacts on the private sector, particularly the small businesses across the state will be enormous. Preliminary economic losses to the state due to the COVID-19 pandemic are estimated to be in the billions of dollars.

### **Federally Recognized Tribes - Impacts**

The National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) is currently working with the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) chapter to suspend the upcoming NWTEMC Regional Conference. The Seattle Indian Health Board meetings have been postponed indefinitely.

#### **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**

- Tribal Court suspension of all notary services and Court Facilitation services

#### **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**

- Nespalem and Omak clinics have rescheduled routine appointments
- 12 Tribes Resort Casino closed until further notice

#### **Cowlitz Tribe**

- Declaration March 16
- Ilani Casino closed

#### **Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe**

- Seven Cedars Casino closed

#### **Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe**

- Facilities closed to the public: Elwha River Casino, Heritage Center, Carnegie Hall, Elwha Shuttle/Transit, Recreation Department, Education Department, Library Department/Computer Lab, Language/Culture Department, Archaeological/Cultural Resources
- Social Services and Tribal Courts experiencing limited closures
- All out of area travel is suspended
- Meetings are restricted to 10 or fewer participants

#### **Lummi Nation**

- Silver Reef Casino Resort closed

#### **Muckleshoot Indian Tribe**

- Muckleshoot Casino closed

#### **Nisqually Indian Tribe**

- Nisqually Daycare Center closed
- Tribal Employment Rights officed closed to the public until further notice
- Nisqually Red Wind Casino closed

**Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe**

- The Point Casino will close March 18 for two weeks
- Limited Tribal government operations.

**Puyallup Tribe**

- Emerald Downs Racetrack and Casino closed

**Snoqualmie Tribe**

- Snoqualmie Casino closed

**Squaxin Island Tribe**

Effective March 11, the Squaxin Island Tribe is restricting all travel to King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties by staff members. This directive is specific to travel for work purposes. Squaxin Island Health Clinic developed new procedures for members to receive a 90-day supply of some maintenance medications.

**Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians**

- Angel of the Winds Casino closed

**Suquamish Tribe**

- The Suquamish Tribe is taking steps to limit the length of General Council meetings, cancelling non-critical meetings and reviewing all non-essential travel and events. All Elder’s Activities are suspended.

**Swinomish Indian Tribe**

- Swinomish Casino and Lodge closed

**Disaster Impacted Population Profile**

While the COVID-19 has been reported in nearly all counties in the state, several counties are experiencing community spread. The disaster impacted population profile for the most impacted counties in the state, based on the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is below. As of March 18, 2020, King County had 562 positive/confirmed cases and 56 deaths, Snohomish County had 310 positive/confirmed cases and 6 deaths, and Pierce County had 56 positive/confirmed cases.

Impacted Population Profile								
Category	United States	State of Washington	County					
			Pierce	King	Snohomish	Island	Skagit	Kitsap
Resident Population	327,167,439	7,535,591	859,840	2,233,163	768,620	84,460	128,206	269,805
Median Household Income	\$61,937	\$99,762	67,868	\$89,418	\$82,751	\$64,793	\$73,206	\$76,945

Population 65 Years Old and Older	52,423,114	1,163,987	13.2%	12.3%	13.0%	24.6%	20.8%	17.7%
Population Under 18	22.4%	22.1%	24.3%	20.3%	24.0%	17.4%	21.8%	20.5%
Population with a Disability	12.6%	12.6%	13.4%	9.1%	11.6%	17.1%	14.8%	14.5%
Households Receiving Food Stamps (SNAP)	11.3%	11.1%	13.6%	9.0%	10.2%	7.8%	11.8%	10.0%
Below poverty level (All Families)	13.1%	10.3%	11.2%	9.5%	8.1%	6.8%	8.8%	9.0%
Below poverty level (Tribal)	10.3%	18.6%	17.5%	12.2%	17.0%	-	17.0%	-
Pre-Disaster Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.3%	5.8%	4.5%	4.6%	7.3%	5.4%	4.2%
Limited English Proficiency	4.4%	3.8%	2.9%	5.7%	4.0%	1.0%	2.5%	1.3%

<b>2019-2020 Washington Public Schools Child Nutrition Program</b>			
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Reduced</b>	<b>Total Enrollment</b>
State	402,000	77,126	1,106,784
King County	73,371	17,900	289,399
Pierce County	50,140	10,402	138,159
Snohomish County	30,020	8,704	113,474
Island County	2,396	1,043	9,826
Skagit County	7,961	1,816	19,429

**Washington State Recent Disasters**

Washington state has experienced numerous disasters over the past three years ranging from three major disasters (FEMA-4309-DR-WA, FEMA-4384-DR-CTCR, FEMA-4418-DR-WA), a train derailment, severe wildfires, several major flooding and severe storm events, landslides, droughts, agricultural and fisheries disasters, a tornado, and vehicular-caused bridge damage on major transportation corridors. Washington state public health responded to two outbreaks of measles, totaling 87 cases across four counties and is currently in the midst of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many communities across the state are struggling to recover from these disasters. Major precipitation events on the burn scars of previous wildfires have led to debris flows and flash flooding in communities across the state, prolonging the recovery period. While

the majority of these incidents did not qualify the state to receive Major Disaster Declarations - Public Assistance or Individual Assistance, cumulatively they have led to hundreds of millions of dollars in response and recovery costs.

Additionally, Washington state continues to expend extraordinary amounts of resources in response to the current Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The first confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus in the U.S. was in Washington state, prompting a substantial response from local, state, tribal, and federal public health officials. Unfortunately, our state also saw the first U.S. fatality from this disease. The State Emergency Operations Center remains activated to Level 1 – Full Activation as of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in response to this on-going and escalating pandemic.

The impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic must be considered in the larger context of the dozens of disasters that have occurred in the State in recent history. In addition to the current public health emergency related to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic, since January 2017, Washington state has experienced (3) FEMA Major Disaster Declarations, (1) FEMA Emergency Declaration, (12) Small Business Administration Declarations (SBA), (12) FEMA Fire Management Assistance Declarations (FMAG), and (40) Governor’s State of Emergency proclamations.

To assist Washington state in the response and recovery from these incidents, other federal funding and assistance have been made available including (56) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief declarations and (19) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE-Seattle District) PL84-99 Emergency Flood-fighting and Advance Measures operations.

While the assistance provided in response to the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic provides some relief for recovering communities, it does not meet the needs of our affected local and tribal jurisdictions. Residents continue to suffer greatly as a result of this pandemic that is devastating communities across the state. Additionally, residents across the state continue to recover from the damages of the severe winter storm system and other recent disasters, and greatly need additional federal resources that are not available at the state and local levels.

Below is a list of the federally-declared disasters and other undeclared incidents for the state during the past 3 years:

**FEMA Declared Major Disasters & Emergencies 2017-Present**

<b>Declaration Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
April 2017	Washington Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (DR-4309)
August 2018	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Flooding (DR-4384)
March 2019	Washington Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado (DR-4418)
March 2020	Washington COVID-19 (EM-3427)

**Undeclared (and other Federal Agency declared) Emergencies and Disasters 2017-Present**

<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
January 2017	Severe Storms ( <i>SBA Declaration</i> )
March 2017	Severe Storms ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
April 2017	Severe Storms ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
May 2017	Severe Storms
August 2017	Emergency Haying and Grazing of Conservation Reserve Program Acres ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
September 2017	Ongoing wildfires & Severe Wildfire Risk ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
October 2017	Drought ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
November 2017	Severe Storms
November 2017	Drought ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
December 2017	Auburn Heritage Building & Milton Alder Ridge Senior Apartment Fires ( <i>SBA Declaration</i> )
December 2017	Amtrak Train Derailment ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
April 2018	European Gypsy Moth Infestation ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
May 2018	Eastern Washington Flooding ( <i>State of Emergency &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
May 2018	Eightmile Lake Dam
July 2018	Semi-truck Collision with I-90 Overpass ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
July 2018	Ongoing Wildfires & Severe Wildfire Risk ( <i>State of Emergency &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
August 2018	Drought ( <i>SBA Declaration</i> )
September 2018	Drought ( <i>USDA Declaration &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
October 2018	Drought ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
October 2018	Excessive Heat, High Winds, and Fire ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
November 2018	Drought ( <i>USDA Declaration</i> )
December 2018	Tornado ( <i>SBA Declaration</i> )
December 2018	Severe Storm ( <i>SBA Declaration</i> )
January 2019	Measles Outbreak Public Health Emergency ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
February 2019	Severe Storms ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
April 2019	European Gypsy Moth Infestation ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
June 2019	Drought ( <i>Secretary of Agriculture Declared Disaster &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
June 2019	Drought ( <i>Secretary of Agriculture Declared Disaster &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
July 2019	Drought ( <i>Secretary of Agriculture Declared Disaster &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )
October 2019	Snow and Extreme Cold Weather
November 2019	Snow and Extreme Cold Weather ( <i>Governor's Request for Secretary of Agriculture Declared Disaster</i> )
November 2019	Over Height Load Striking I-5 Overpass ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )



<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
December 2019	Over Height Load Striking I-82 Overpass ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
January 2020	Winter Weather ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
February 2020	Winter Weather ( <i>State of Emergency</i> )
March 2020	COVID-19 Pandemic ( <i>State of Emergency &amp; SBA Declaration</i> )

### **Fisheries Disasters**

Fisheries in Western Washington have experienced sudden and unexpected large decreases in fish stock biomass multiple times since 2015. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce declared Commercial Fishery Disasters for West Coast salmon and sardines on September 24, 2018. The economic impact from these fisheries disasters has significantly impacted multiple tribes and communities across the state. Many fisheries were unable to open in 2018 and 2019 as a result of low fish returns, causing detrimental impacts to annual fisher income. The low fish stock biomass also impacted the availability of fish for important ceremonial and subsistence food source purposes that many community and tribal members depend on in the winter months. The Chehalis Business Committee, which is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, declared an economic fishery disaster on August 1, 2019. Washington state and tribes are still recovering from these incidents and continue to experience economic hardship from the decline in the number of fish stock. During the past 24 months, multiple Commercial Fisheries Disasters have been declared and requested for Washington state under section 308(b) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act and section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Approved and requested federal Commercial Fishery Disaster Declarations includes the following tribes and fisheries:

<b>Fisheries Disaster</b>	<b>Impacted Tribe(s)</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
Washington Upper Skagit Chinook, Sockeye, Coho, and Pink Salmon Fisheries (2019)	Upper Skagit Indian Tribe	Pending
Washington Swinomish Sockeye, Pink, and Chum Fisheries (2019)	Swinomish Indian Tribe	Pending
Washington Chehalis River Spring Chinook Salmon Fishery (2019)	Confederate Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Pending
Washington Puget Sound Coho Salmon Fishery (2018)	Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe	Pending
Washington Ocean Troll Coho and Chinook Salmon Fisheries (2016)	Makah Tribe	9/24/2018
Washington State Coho Salmon Fisheries (2016)	Quileute Tribe	9/24/2018
Washington State Coho and Pink Salmon Fisheries (2015)	Hoh Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe, Nooksack Tribe, Muckleshoot Tribe, Quileute Tribe, Upper Skagit Tribe, Suquamish Tribe	9/24/2018

**2017 Disasters**

**4309-DR-WA**

The transition from a cold sub-freezing air mass over Washington and the Pacific Northwest at the start of February 2017 to a warmer moist air mass resulted in a continuous sequence of severe winter storm events through February 22 that included snow, rain, snowmelt, flooding, mudslides, landslides, and high winds. This severe winter storm caused multiple injuries to people, power outages in excess of 100,000 customers, temporary residential evacuations, extensive road damage, road closures and detours, rail line closures, ferry system and airline cancellations, as well as extensive damage to homes, businesses, public utilities, electrical power systems, infrastructure and property throughout all regions of the state.

I requested a major disaster declaration on April 5, 2017, due to the compounding impacts from the severe winter storm, flooding, landslides, and mudslides. President Trump declared a major disaster on April 21, 2017 (DR-4309), making Public Assistance available to 15 counties and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program available statewide. Total Public Assistance Grants dollars obligated for this disaster is \$33.26 million.

## **2017 Significant Spring Melt Flooding**

Significant flooding from severe storms continued to impact Eastern Washington counties March-May 2017 but did not reach the level of damages necessary for a major disaster declaration. I signed Governor's Proclamation 17-08 on May 18, 2017, extending the March state of emergency for Eastern Washington counties, and dispatched the Washington National Guard to Lincoln County to assist in flood fighting activities.

## **Hanford Tunnel Collapse**

On May 9, 2017, the Department of Energy-Richland (DOE-RL) declared an Alert emergency for the 200 East Area of the Hanford Site due to a loss of confinement and the potential for degradation of facility safety. Hundreds of workers were ordered to take cover, according to emergency operations protocol. The Washington State EOC, Benton County EOC, and the Franklin County ECC were activated to a Level 1 (full) activation. Liaisons were deployed from the State EOC to the local EOC/ECC and a liaison was sent to the DOE EOC in Richland. A Joint Information Center (JIC) was opened once the Alert was declared.

The incident was reclassified as a Site Area Emergency on May 9 due to confirmation of a breach in a section of a tunnel containing highly contaminated radioactive process equipment. Benton and Franklin counties maintained fully operational emergency operations facilities as well as coordinated with first response organizations (fire, law enforcement, EMS), local school districts, hospitals, and public officials. All of these activities were at the local expense; there was no outside funding used to pay for these activities.

## **2017 Wildfires**

The 2017 wildfire season in Washington State began at the earliest date on record (May 23) and ended at the latest date on record (October 6). The Pacific Northwest geographic region was at Preparedness Level 5 for a record 40 consecutive days. Wildfire preparedness levels range from 1 to 5, with Level 5 defined as "Geographic Areas are experiencing major incidents which have the potential to exhaust all agency fire resources." The wildfire season also directly contributed to the worst air quality in the history of the State. According to the national fire summary produced by the National Interagency Coordination Center, Washington had 1,346 fires, affecting 404,223 acres, burned 51 structures, and threatened six dams. Critical endangered species habitats and sensitive cultural resource areas on private, state, and federal lands and subsequently streams and rivers throughout the state were also damaged by the fires.

The 2017 wildfire season in total produced (21) state fire mobilizations. Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) spent an estimated \$52,175,842 in fire suppression costs and the Washington State Patrol (WSP) response efforts cost an estimated \$14,500,000. The Washington Air and Army National Guard was mobilized four times and sent 535 service members and 130 pieces of equipment/aircraft to assist in front-line fire-fighting efforts. Additionally, 245 active duty soldiers were mobilized to help with wildfire operations. Due to

the level of threat and extreme fire behavior, FEMA approved (3) FMAG declarations in 2017. The local costs associated with the FMAG declarations are estimated at \$423,677.

<b>Date</b>	<b>State Fire Mobilizations</b>	<b>Impacted County</b>
5/23/2017	Spromberg	Chelan
6/26/2017	Spartan fire (Alcoa)	Chelan
6/27/2017	Sutherland Canyon	Douglas / Grant
6/27/2017	South Wenas	Yakima
7/02/2017	Hwy 12 - MP 188	Yakima
7/06/2017	Rattlesnake Hills (Konnowac Pass)	Yakima
7/08/2017	Coyote Creek Fire	Yakima
7/15/2017	Snake River Fire	Garfield
7/15/2017	Canyon Creek	Okanogan
7/30/2017	Glade 3 (Mabton)	Yakima
8/02/2017	Knottgrass	Asotin / Garfield
8/02/2017	Malden	Whitman
8/04/2017	Hayes Rd	Douglas
8/12/2017	East Saddle Mtn	Grant / Adams
8/14/2017	Hult Butte (MP 130 Vantage)	Kittitas
8/16/2017	Monument Hill	Grant
8/22/2017	Scatter Creek (Rochester)	Thurston
8/27/2017	Hill Fire	Garfield
9/02/2017	Jolly Mountain	Kittitas
8/30/2017	Whitehall Road	Douglas
10/06/2017	Teanaway River	Kittitas

<b>2017 FMAG #</b>	<b>FMAG Name</b>	<b>Impacted County</b>
FM-5182	Spromberg	Chelan
FM-5187	South Wenas	Yakima
FM-5200	Jolly Mountain	Kittitas

### **Drought**

In 2017, the US Secretary of Agriculture designated two counties in Washington state as Primary Natural Disaster Areas due to drought conditions. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency also authorized Emergency Haying and Grazing of Conservation Reserve Program Acres for eight Washington Counties.

### **November 2017 Severe Storms**

A set of severe storms in November 2017 brought heavy precipitation and strong winds to Western Washington, causing thousands of customers to lose power. Heavy rains forced evacuations in the town of Hamilton in Skagit County after the Skagit River rose to its highest

level since 2006. Flood stage on the Skagit River is 28 feet and the river reached 34.7 feet at its peak, according to data from the United States Geological Survey. The nearby Town of Lyman also faced significant flooding issues and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) through PL84-99 Advance Measures was brought in to protect public infrastructure from erosion caused by the Skagit River. Several homes and a propane tank collapsed into the river as the embankment continued to erode at a dramatic range of 80-150 feet. The river continued to erode within 170 feet of W Main Street in the Town of Lyman, threatening critical public infrastructure. Through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Washington state was able to acquire three properties. The sequence of severe storms substantially strained state and local resources, costing an estimated \$300,000 in the state and local response. The federal, state, and local cost was \$1.3 million for this disaster.

The town of Lyman again faced the challenge of rapidly eroding river banks a year later, which continues to draw on federal, state, and local funds.

### **Dupont Amtrak Train Derailment**

On December 18, 2017, Amtrak Passenger Train 501 carrying 83 people, derailed from the I-5 overpass near DuPont, Washington. Fourteen highway vehicles came into contact with the derailed equipment. Three passengers were killed, 62 passengers and crewmembers injured, and eight individuals in highway vehicles were also injured. I signed Governor's Proclamation 17-13, proclaiming a State of Emergency. The Washington State Emergency Operations Center subsequently raised its activation level and coordinated incident-related assistance. Based on the preliminary accident report by the National Transportation and Safety Board, the damage is estimated at more than \$40.4 million. State and local agencies responding to the train derailment have requested reimbursement exceeding \$24 million, of which \$23.7 million is requested by Washington State Department of Transportation. The total response and recovery costs due to this disaster are unknown at this time as some state agencies sought reimbursement through separate processes.

### **December 2017 Residential Fires**

On December 26, 2017, a three-alarm fire occurred in the historic Heritage Building in the City of Auburn, located in King County. The building housed 35 residential units and nine businesses. All of the residential units on the second floor were destroyed. The businesses located on the first floor also suffered significant damage from smoke, fire, and water. The fire caused the closure of Main Street, which negatively impacted businesses adjacent to and across from the Heritage Building. Another devastating fire occurred on the same day at the Alder Ridge Senior Apartments in the City of Milton, located in Pierce County. On January 3, 2018, a joint preliminary damage assessment was conducted by the SBA and Washington State EMD to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The SBA declared a disaster on January 18 and provided \$155,100 in federal funding to assist with the recovery efforts.

## **2017 Rattlesnake Ridge Landslide**

In December 2017, concern began to grow regarding an approximately 20-acre slow-moving landslide located at an active quarry in the Rattlesnake Hills, three miles south of Yakima near Union Gap, WA. While geologists and engineers monitoring the landslide suggested that the most probable scenario was for the landslide to continue to move south into the quarry, there was concern that the slide could fail catastrophically and engulf the busy I-82 corridor and a nearby group of residences. Local, state, and federal agencies, the Yakama Nation, and mine operators were involved in monitoring the situation and conducting emergency response operations. The rate of land movement increased by the end of December and into January to 1.5 feet/week, raising concern that a potentially catastrophic failure was eminent. The SEOC raised its activation level to support Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management, and the state agencies that were involved. Additionally, WSDOT placed freight containers along I-82 to help protect the corridor from falling debris. The Washington Department of Ecology monitored hazardous material removal by the quarry operator and planned for the possibility of the slide blocking the Yakima River, which would impact a vital agricultural region in the state and flood the city of Yakima. A Level-3 (leave now) evacuation was issued for more than 60 residents south of the slide.

## **2018 Disasters**

### **May 2018 Spring Melt Flooding**

Above average snowpack in the mountains combined with above average temperatures and rainfall, resulted in higher than normal snow melt causing flooding of rivers and streams in Ferry, Okanogan, and Pend Oreille Counties in May 2018. Rivers and streams in Eastern Washington counties rose to record or near record levels, resulting in multiple road closures, the establishment of alternate transportation routes, evacuations of residents alongside the rising rivers, impacts to local utility services, localized reductions in available drinking water, and damage to public and private property and infrastructure. State agencies and local jurisdictions coordinated resources to address the impacts and assess the damages caused by the flooding. USACE used federal funds under its PL84-99 authorities to conduct emergency flood fighting measures and emergency operations in Okanogan County in May 2018 as a result of major flooding totaled \$728,000. The SEOC raised its activation level to assist in the response and recovery operations. I signed Governor's Proclamation 18-03 on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, proclaiming a State of Emergency in 28 Washington counties. Okanogan, Chelan, Ferry, Pend Oreille Counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation also declared emergencies. As a result of the significant flooding, a major disaster declaration was declared for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation on August 17 (DR-4384). The SBA declared a disaster for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation the following day.

USACE used federal funds under its PL84-99 authorities to conduct emergency flood fighting measures and emergency operations in Okanogan County in May 2018 as a result of major flooding, resulting in the following actions:

<b>Protective Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Temporary flood protection measures	Town of Cusick	\$35,000
Construction of two temporary berms and fortification of existing levee	Town of Conconully	\$35,000
Elmway Levee emergency protective measures	City of Okanogan	\$100,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Levee erosion repair	City of Okanogan	\$35,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Levee repair	City of Okanogan	\$25,000
Lost River Levee scour protection	Town of Mazama	\$91,000
Levee erosion repair	Town of Mazama	\$80,000
Mill Street Bridge embankment erosion repairs	City of Okanogan	\$44,000
Highway 97 temporary berm construction	City of Oroville	\$20,000
Elevation and repair of existing levee	City of Oroville	\$79,000
Armoring of river bank	City of Tonasket	\$55,000
Levee breach repair	Town of Riverside	\$90,000
Emergency levee repair	Town of Riverside	\$20,000
Emergency levee raise	Town of Riverside	\$19,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$728,000</b>

### **Eightmile Lake Dam – Spring Melt Flooding**

The above average snowpack and above average temperatures in May 2018 also contributed to an emergency at the 90-year-old Eightmile Lake Dam located in the Alpine Lake Wilderness. The dam site is located within a U.S. Forest Service designated wilderness area. A wildfire in 2017 burned vegetation and scorched soils within the lake vicinity, creating the potential for high run-off or flash flooding and reduced the landscape’s capacity to retain precipitation. Water began overtopping the dam in May due to numerous logs jamming the spill way. This raised concerns that there could be a catastrophic dam failure, and that it threatened downstream homes, property and infrastructure. Local irrigation districts, Chelan County Emergency Management, the Washington Department of Ecology’s Dam Safety Office, the U.S. Forest Service, and a number of other federal, state, and local agencies worked tirelessly to reduce the risk of dam failure. The Washington Department of Ecology provided \$700,000 in grant support to alleviate some of the emergency response efforts of the irrigation district and to support the design of repair, replacement, and upgrade options for the dam. The cost of a Chinook helicopter used to deliver heavy machinery to the dam site was in excess of \$100,000.

### **Gypsy Moth Infestation**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, I signed Governor’s Proclamation 18-01, proclaiming a State of Emergency and authorizing the Director of the Washington Department of Agriculture to use emergency measures as necessary to eradicate the European gypsy moth, a non-native plant pest. The

European gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar L.*) poses a serious danger to the agricultural and horticultural industries in the state of Washington and seriously threatens the economic well-being and quality of life for state residents.

**2018 Wildfires**

The 2018 wildfire season was also unusually busy and resulted in (21) state fire mobilizations. As of November 2018, 1,732 wildfires burned 438,868 acres, affected 160,472 acres of threatened critical Sage-Grouse habitat, and cost an estimated \$173,685,041 in total firefighting costs to the state. DNR projects 2018 will become the 2<sup>nd</sup> costliest wildfire season in state history.

Due to the level of threat and extreme fire behavior, FEMA approved (9) FMAG declarations in 2018. The local costs associated with these FMAG declarations are estimated at \$217,128. The WSP spent an estimated \$9,125,000 in response to the wildfires across the state. WSDOT used Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) declaration funds to assist with the cost of detours on state routes caused by wildfires totaling an estimated \$272,197.

<b>Date</b>	<b>State Fire Mobilizations</b>	<b>Impacted County</b>
6/04/2018	Les Blair	Benton
6/12/2018	High Hills / Soap Lake	Grant
6/20/2018	Milepost 22	Kittitas
6/22/2018	Easterday	Benton
6/27/2018	Montecito Command	Benton
7/1/2018	Conrad Command	Yakima
7/3/2018	SR-14 MM 119	Klickitat
7/3/2018	Baird Springs Rd	Grant / Douglas
7/4/2018	Nisqually John	Whitman
7/10/2018	Ryegrass	Kittitas
7/17/2018	Upriver Beacon	Spokane
7/19/2018	Buckshot	Grant
7/21/2018	Locus Grove	Benton
7/27/2018	Chelan Hills	Douglas
8/03/2018	Angel Springs	Lincoln
8/10/2018	Cougar Creek	Chelan
8/11/2018	Grass Valley	Douglas / Grant
8/11/2018	Boyds	Ferry
9/1/2018	Crystal	Douglas
9/1/2018	Wagon Wheel Command	Benton
9/8/2018	Glade Creek	Yakima

<b>2018 FMAG #</b>	<b>FMAG Name</b>	<b>Impacted County</b>
FM-5253	Ryegrass Coulee	Kittitas



<b>2018 FMAG #</b>	<b>FMAG Name</b>	<b>Impacted County</b>
FM-5254	Upriver Beacon	Spokane
FM-5257	Buckshot	Grant
FM-5261	Chelan Hills	Douglas
FM-5266	Angel Springs	Lincoln
FM-5269	Hawk	Yakima / Yakama Nation
FM-5270	Cougar Creek	Chelan
FM-5271	Grass Valley	Douglas / Grant
FM-5273	Boyds	Ferry

### **Drought**

In 2018, the US Secretary of Agriculture authorized (4) Agricultural Disaster declarations, designating a total of 16 counties in Washington state as Primary Natural Disaster Areas due to drought conditions or excessive heat, high winds, and fire conditions. The SBA granted (3) Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) due to the drought conditions in the state. The amount of federal assistance provided by these loans is undetermined at this time.

<b>Physical / EIDL Declaration No.</b>	<b>Incident Dates</b>	<b>Date Declared</b>
15736 EIDL	07/24/18 & Continuing	09/26/18
15739 EIDL	08/07/18 & Continuing	10/04/18
15820 EIDL	09/04/18 & Continuing	11/07/18

### **November 2018 Severe Storms**

A strong atmospheric river of moisture entered the Pacific Northwest early November 2018, bringing heavy precipitation and causing rivers to approach and exceed flood stage. USACE-Seattle District activated their EOC to Level 2 and declared an emergency event. Skagit County also activated their EOC to Level 2 to support flood response operations occurring along the Skagit River near the Town of Lyman. Flood and gale watches and warnings were issued for several counties beginning November 1.

USACE under its PL 84-99 Advance Measures authorities provided direct assistance to the Town of Lyman and also under its authorities provided direct assistance to the Deming Diking District #2 in Whatcom County for the Sande-William Levee, using approximately \$100,000 PL84-99 emergency operations funds for temporary repairs to the damage levee structure.

### **December 2018 Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado (DR-4418)**

Washington state experienced Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, and a Tornado for more than two weeks in December 2018. This severe storm system caused significant damages to homes, businesses, public utilities, public facilities, electrical

power systems, infrastructure, property, extended and widespread power outages in excess of 300,000 customers, evacuations, road damage, temporary road closures and detours including major travel corridors, and ferry system cancellations and delays. The severe storm system also required several city, county and public utility declarations of emergency, multiple shelters for impacted individuals, threatened fragile and at-risk populations, and jeopardized the health and safety of people with special medical needs. On March 4, 2019, the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration for eight counties as a result of the devastation. The SBA declared a disaster on March 5. Dozens of communities across the State continue to recover from the impacts of this disaster. From this December 2018 severe storm system alone, local jurisdictions sustained an estimated \$17.8 million in damages and response costs.

## **2019 Disasters**

### **Measles**

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) activated their EOC to provide assistance for two measles outbreaks in the state. Clark County declared a local public health emergency on January 18, 2019, after multiple cases of the highly contagious and infectious measles disease were confirmed. I signed Governor's Proclamation 19-01, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties in the state, and making additional resources available for this multi-jurisdictional event. As of November 21, 2019, the DOH confirmed the existence of 87 cases of measles in the state. On February 4, 2019, King County Public Health activated their EOC in support of the measles outbreak activity. The epidemiological investigation required intensive staff resources and the DOH instituted an infectious disease Incident Management Structure to manage the public health response to the incident. The SEOC coordinated resources to support the Department of Health and local officials including coordinating outside support through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department activated to coordinate resources, including the deployment of volunteers and the Medical Reserve Corps to support Clark County investigations.

Although the state is not currently in measles outbreak status, public health officials continue to monitor for re-emergence while simultaneously responding to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

### **February 2019 Severe Winter Storms**

In response to a Severe Winter Storm and extensive snowfall and ice in 2019, I signed Governor's Proclamations 19-02, 19-03, 19-04, 19-05, and 19-07. I deployed the Washington National Guard to assist emergency snow response operations. The Severe Winter Storm in February impacted multiple jurisdictions, caused numerous mountain pass closures and interstates due to a heavy snow and avalanche threat. Severe blizzard conditions resulted in the devastating loss of in excess of 1,800 dairy cows in the Yakima Valley. In response, I made \$100,000 available to assist Yakima Valley farmers to collect and haul the animals to a landfill.

## 2019 Wildfires

The 2019 wildfire season began historically early due to unseasonably warm and dry conditions, with firefighters responding to 51 wildfires in just one weeks' time in March. Wildfires resulted in several mandatory evacuations and threatened homes, infrastructure, crops, and public health. Tragically, the assistant chief with the Okanogan County Fire District was seriously injured while battling a wildfire and later succumbed to his injuries. The SEOC activated multiple times to support the wildfire response operations and (5) state fire mobilizations.

Date	State Fire Mobilizations	Impacted County
3/20/2019	North Maple	Cowlitz
6/04/2019	Highway 243	Grant
7/14/2019	Powerline	Grant
7/20/2019	Juniper	Klickitat
8/2/2019	Sulphur	Franklin

## October and November 2019 Snow and Extreme Cold Weather

After months of drought conditions in early 2019, agricultural communities were again faced with devastating losses as a result of a series of severe winter storms in October and November 2019. The snow and extreme cold weather events caused significant damage to trees, vineyards and other unharvested crops. Agriculture is a major cornerstone of Washington's economy in diverse communities across our state. As such, on November 8, 2019 I requested the USDA approve a Secretarial Disaster Designation for Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties to support the agricultural communities with the crop losses. Data provided for Klickitat County by the Washington Winegrowers Association reflects an overall 37% loss to the grape crop within the county. As of February 10, 2020, the USDA FSA recommended the approval for the Secretarial Disaster Designation request for Klickitat County.

## October and December 2019 Interstate Bridge Damages

On October 5, 2019, a bridge was severely damaged when an over height load struck the overpass on Interstate 5 in Lewis County. The Washington State Department of Transportation took emergency measures, revising travel lanes to restrict traffic from traveling over the damaged sections. The State Department of Transportation estimates the cost to repair the damage exceeds \$1,000,000. I signed Governor's Proclamation 19-09, proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in Lewis County.

On December 16, 2019, a bridge was severely damaged when an over height load struck the overpass under Interstate 82 where it crosses State Route 397 in Benton County. The Washington State Department of Transportation estimates the cost to repair the damage exceeds \$1,100,000. I signed Governor's Proclamation 19-10, proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in Benton County.

## **December 2019 Rain and Wind Storm Event**

A strong atmospheric river impacted Western Washington beginning December 18, 2019. Rivers in Western Washington, including the Willapa and Naselle rivers in Pacific County flooded, isolated areas and impacting houses and businesses. The USACE-Seattle District activated their EOC and supported a request for PL 84-99 direct assistance made by the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe. An 1,800-foot-long barrier dune was rapidly eroding and required emergency temporary protective measures and stabilization. The rapid erosion of the dune increased exposure to public structures including the Tribe's Community Center. The Tribe requested direct assistance a few weeks later for a different section of the berm that was also rapidly eroding following a second coastal storm coinciding with an annual high "king" tide event. The total cost of all emergency response operations for the entirety of this event was \$1,000,000.

## **2020 Disasters**

### **January 2020 Severe Winter Storm**

The beginning of the year kicked off with severe winter weather that brought high winds, heavy rain, extensive snow and ice, and flooding, resulting in sporadic and extended road closures to mountain passes and in lowland communities. Heavy rainfall in the first few weeks of January caused widespread coastal and inner-coastal flooding and shallow landslides, resulting in school and road closures, power outages, and impacts to homes, businesses and infrastructure. January marked the fourth-wettest month in state history. Over the course of six days, more than nine inches of rain was recorded at the Naselle Salmon Hatchery and over a foot in other areas of Pacific County. For the second time in less than a month, multiple rivers flooded including the Willapa and Naselle in Pacific County, covering U.S. Highway 101. The Grays River in Wahkiakum County crested more than 3 feet above flood stage and covered SR 4. The USACE-Seattle District activated their EOC and supported a request for PL 84-99 direct assistance made by the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe. The Tribe requested direct assistance for a different section of the barrier dune damaged in the December 2019 storm that was also rapidly eroding following this severe storm system coinciding with an annual high "king" tide event.

U.S. Highway 2 was shut down for 5 days due to a fierce winter storm that brought heavy snowfall and high winds, taking down power lines and trees and creating hazardous conditions, numerous spin outs, and traffic collisions. The communities of Gold Bar, Skykomish and the surrounding area were completely isolated and without power during this time period. The Washington State Patrol, Department of Transportation, emergency management offices, and utility companies worked quickly to clear debris, remove trees at risk of falling due to the heavy snowfall, repair the downed power lines, and clear roads. Residents in the Skykomish area were told to shelter in place. Emergency management worked with first responders to bring in additional supplies to the isolated community.

In response to the severe winter weather event, I signed Governor's Proclamation 20-01, proclaiming a State of Emergency and authorizing the exemption of certain driver hours of

service rules to allow for the continuation of emergency relief efforts and to minimize the impact to the state's economy.

### **January 20 – February 10, 2020 Severe Storm System**

I am currently in the process of submitting a separate request for a Presidential Declaration for a severe storm system that began January 20 and continued through February 10, 2020. During this time period, a severe storm system impacted several counties across the state, bringing widespread flooding, winds, erosion, dozens of landslides, mudslides, and heavy rain. This severe storm system caused significant damages to homes, businesses, public utilities, public facilities, electrical power systems, infrastructure and property, resulting in widespread power outages, evacuations, road closures and detours of major travel corridors. The severe storm system also required city and county declarations of emergency, multiple shelters for impacted individuals, threatened fragile and at-risk populations, and jeopardized the health and safety of people with special medical needs. The storm system came on the heels of dozens of major incidents impacting the state in the past two years including massive wildfires, landslides, severe weather, tornado, drought, flooding, agricultural disasters, and major public health emergencies, including the on-going response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This recent disaster caused devastating impacts to communities across the state and has limited their ability to adequately address the long road of recovery while the response to this consequential pandemic continues.

As a result of the severe winter storm, the Lieutenant Governor signed Emergency Proclamation 20-02 on February 5, 2020, proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in 19 counties. As the extent of damages became clearer, the original proclamation was amended twice (Governor's Proclamation of Emergency 20-03 and 20-04) to add Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties and to allow the use of the National Guard.

My office and the Washington Military Department are currently in the process of submitting a separate request for a Major Disaster declaration related to this destructive disaster that impacted a wide geographical area of our state.

### **Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

The disaster I am currently requesting a Presidential Declaration for began January 20 and is continuing to dramatically spread through Washington state. Washington Emergency Management Division is currently supporting state agencies and local jurisdictions, through the SEOC, in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) respiratory disease pandemic. As the pandemic continues to spread, I have taken drastic but necessary measures to ensure public safety and eliminate chances for the virus to further spread in our communities. The response to this pandemic has created an unprecedented burden on local and state agencies, the private sector and the general public. All aspects of normal community functions and services have been severely disrupted. Based on current modeling by health experts, the exceptional measures our state has taken will likely remain in effect for several weeks, if not months.

**Federal Assistance**

Washington state has received substantial federal assistance for disasters from 2017 to present. Due to the numerous recent disasters in our State, the exact amounts of federal assistance provided to the State are unknown at this time. Federal assistance provided to the State of Washington since 2017 includes the following:

**Federal assistance provided to Washington State since 2017**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Qualifying Event / Federal Assistance</b>
\$29,010,542.41	Washington Severe Winter Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides (DR-4309)
\$327,171.11	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Flooding (DR-4384)
\$8,203,728.15	Washington Severe Winter Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, Mudslides, Tornado (DR-4418)
\$37,041,546.22	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Estimated Expenditures for Emergency Relief
\$956,900	U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
TBD	United States Department of Agriculture
\$2,458,000	United States Army Corps of Engineers PL84-99 Emergency Flood Fighting Measures / Emergency Operations – Seattle District
TBD	United States Army Corps of Engineers PL84-99 Emergency Flood Fighting Measures / Emergency Operations – Walla Walla District
<b>\$77,997,887.89</b>	<b>Total Federal Funding Provided to Date</b>

**Summary**

The response to the global COVID-19 pandemic will continue to demand extensive and continued support by local and state agencies and tribal governments for months to come. Emergency responders and public-private health care workers are rapidly becoming overwhelmed by the unprecedented demand on urgent, critical, and intensive care resources to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. State and local resources have been overwhelmed and exhausted to such a degree that our State Incident Command has instituted a tiered prioritization method for the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) for the medical and first response communities in order to slow the consumption of these critical resources. Washington State first responders are planning to utilize non-medical, non-standard, and untested alternative personal protection methods to provide some form of protection when responding to emergency and health related calls. Health IMT officials anticipate that current supplies of PPE will be consumed by the end of this week in multiple counties in response to this dire need, with statewide counties being similarly affected in short order.

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Washington state epidemiologists anticipate the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 will grow exponentially into the thousands based on predictive modeling. Additional epidemiological investigative resources, public health laboratory capacity, surveillance tools, medical equipment, supplies, and associated health and medical personnel will be required to meet the growing need.

This COVID-19 pandemic event is beyond the capability of the state, tribes and local governments. The COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed public and private healthcare facilities across the state. As the pandemic continues to expand, front-line health care workers will be unable to adequately address the medical needs of patients with health concerns both related and unrelated to COVID-19. This global pandemic has placed an extensive burden on the health care sector of our state, resulting in significant delays to receiving adequate medical care.

The state urgently requires additional supplemental federal emergency assistance in order to save lives, protect public health and safety, and limit further spread of the disease.

I have designated Stacey McClain of the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is authorized to provide any further information, assurances, requests or justifications on my behalf.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee  
Governor

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
 Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION**  
**MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

OMB Control Number 1660-0009  
 Expires 09/30/2019

1. Request Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Burden Disclosure Notice**

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.	2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). _____
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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number

6. Declaration Request For:  Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)  Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_ or  Continuing

*If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought     Earthquake     Explosion     Fire     Flood     Hurricane     Landslide     Mudslide

Severe Storm     Snowstorm

(rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning)     (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data)     Straight-Line Winds

Tidal Wave     Tornado     Tropical Depression     Tropical Storm     Tsunami     Volcanic Eruption     Winter Storm

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.



10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed    **Requested** \_\_\_\_\_    **Start** \_\_\_\_\_    **End** \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Public Assistance    Dates Performed    **Requested** \_\_\_\_\_    **Start** \_\_\_\_\_    **End** \_\_\_\_\_

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance  N/A     Individuals and Households Program     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services     Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

*\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request*

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance  N/A  Debris Removal (Category A)  Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)  Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold  harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A  I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

- a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.
- b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the Stafford Act.
- c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

- Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*
- Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)  Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
- Additional Supporting Documentation \_\_\_\_\_



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Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**20-05**

**WHEREAS**, On January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high”, and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, The CDC currently indicates there are 85,688 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 66 of those cases in the United States, and the Washington State Department of Health has now confirmed localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State’s general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington State Department of Health has instituted a Public Health Incident Management Team to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington State Military Department, State Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS,** The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.

As a result of this event, I also hereby order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I direct the Washington State Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 29th day of February, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING 20-05**

**20-06**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, since the initial confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States, in Snohomish County, Washington, on January 21, 2020, it has spread to eight counties of Washington State resulting in 23 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher in those members of our population who are 60 years of age and older and those with chronic health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, and most residents of long-term care facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, infected facility staff and visitors can introduce a virus into the population and start an outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property, and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Washington State Department of Health in assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that

Proclamation 20-05 remains in effect and is amended as provided herein, and that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 epidemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Washington State Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h) to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the following activities in all counties of Washington State related to the operation of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20, which restrictions shall remain in effect until midnight on April 9, 2020:

1. Owners, administrators, operators, staff, contractors, and volunteers of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from allowing a person to enter the facility and visit a resident unless that person is an adult, the resident has not already had a visitor that day, and the visit takes place in the resident's room. This prohibition does not apply in end of life situations.
2. No person is allowed to visit a resident of a nursing home licensed under RCW 18.51 or an assisted living facility licensed under RCW 18.20 unless they have been screened prior to entry for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, including fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or difficulty breathing, or contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are under investigation for COVID-19. Precautionary measures may include, but are not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment, social distancing, or visiting in designated locations.
3. No person is allowed to visit a resident of a nursing home licensed under RCW 18.51 or an assisted living facility licensed under RCW 18.20 unless they show identification, sign into a visitor's log that includes date, time in and time out, and provide their name and contact information, including phone number and email address if available.
4. Operators and staff of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from destroying each day's visitor log for 30 days.
5. Owners, administrators, and operators of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from allowing a person to work or volunteer in the facility unless the person has been screened at the start of every shift and does not show any symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or difficulty breathing.

6. Residents of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 that have one or more residents, staff, contractors or volunteers subject to a Washington State Department of Health or local health department recommendation or order of isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 need to be isolated in their rooms away from other people. A resident can choose to discharge from a facility at any time.
7. Owners, administrators, operators, staff, and volunteers of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from disclosing protected and confidential health information except as otherwise provided by law or with consent from the resident.

Nursing homes and assisted living facilities subject to these prohibitions are strongly encouraged to explore, adopt and implement reasonable alternative methods to provide access for residents to mitigate the impacts of these prohibitions.

**ADDITIONALLY**, based on the above situation, and to support implementation of the activities prohibited above, I also hereby find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency under Proclamation 20-05, and that the language of each statutory and regulatory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended until midnight on April 9, 2020:

1. RCW 70.129.090(1)(f), in its entirety:  
“(f) Subject to reasonable restrictions to protect the rights of others and to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, immediate family or other relatives of the resident and others who are visiting with the consent of the resident;”
2. RCW 70.129.090(2), in its entirety:  
“(2) The facility must provide reasonable access to a resident by his or her representative or an entity or individual that provides health, social, legal, or other services to the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.”
3. RCW 70.129.140(2)(b), in its entirety:  
“(b) Interact with members of the community both inside and outside the facility;”
4. RCW 70.129.140(3), in its entirety:  
“(3)(a) A resident has the right to organize and participate in resident groups in the facility.  
(b) A resident's family has the right to meet in the facility with the families of other residents in the facility.  
(c) The facility must provide a resident or family group, if one exists, with meeting space.  
(d) Staff or visitors may attend meetings at the group's invitation.  
(e) When a resident or family group exists, the facility must listen to the views and act upon the grievances and recommendations of residents and families concerning proposed policy and operational decisions affecting resident care and life in the facility.  
(f) The resident has the right to refuse to perform services for the facility except as voluntarily agreed by the resident and the facility in the resident's service plan.”
5. RCW 70.129.140(4), in its entirety:  
“(4) A resident has the right to participate in social, religious, and community activities that do not interfere with the rights of other residents in the facility.”



6. RCW 70.129.140(5), in its entirety:  
“(5) A resident has the right to:  
(a) Reside and receive services in the facility with reasonable accommodation of individual needs and preferences, except when the health or safety of the individual or other residents would be endangered; and  
(b) Receive notice before the resident's room or roommate in the facility is changed.”
7. WAC 388-97-0520(1)(g), in its entirety:  
“(g) Subject to the resident’s right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, immediate family or other relatives of the resident;”.
8. WAC 388-97-0520(1)(h), in its entirety:  
“(h) Subject to reasonable restrictions and the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, others who are visiting with the consent of the resident.”

All persons are advised of potential criminal penalties for violation of this order pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 10th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 AND 20-06**

**20-07**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, as a result of significant risks from COVID-19 to persons living in congregate care settings, I issued Proclamation 20-06 amending Proclamation 20-05 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in 9 counties of Washington State resulting in 24 deaths, with significant community spread in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; and

**WHEREAS**, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of limitations on large gatherings and use of social distancing prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission to our most vulnerable populations, and are especially important for people who are over 60 years old and those with chronic health conditions due to the higher risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the DOH continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamations 20-05 and 20-06 remain in effect and are amended to impose restrictions on large gatherings in King, Pierce, and



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-06 AND 20-07**

**20-08**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, as a result of significant risks from COVID-19 to persons living in congregate care settings, I issued Proclamation 20-06 amending Proclamation 20-05, to prohibit certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, as a result of community spread of COVID-19 in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, I issued Proclamation 20-07, amending Proclamations 20-05 and 20-06, to prohibit social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of 250 people or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, continues to expand throughout our State, with the confirmed number of cases in the Puget Sound region expected to double every five to seven days, without any expectation of ending soon; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization has classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic, and has urged all governments throughout the world to take action now to stem the spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, it is necessary to implement additional stringent social distancing and other measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission, especially in those areas of our State experiencing the most severe outbreaks, to include King, Pierce and Snohomish counties; and

**WHEREAS**, while implementation of restrictions on large social, spiritual, and recreational gatherings in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties is one necessary piece of a successful strategy for limiting transmission and spread of COVID-19, it must be supplemented by additional measures to help prevent initial exposure and secondary transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, many schools in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties are experiencing significant student and staff absences, resulting in some schools having difficulty providing adequate staffing; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the DOH continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamations 20-05, 20-06 and 20-07 remain in effect and are amended to prohibit public school districts, charter schools, and private schools in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties from conducting in-person educational, recreational, and other K-12 school programs in their school facilities as provided herein, and that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 epidemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the following activities by public school districts, charter schools, and private schools in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, which restrictions shall remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, until 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

Each public school district, charter school, and private school located in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties is prohibited from conducting in-person educational, recreational, and other K-12 school programs using their school facilities. In addition to school districts lying wholly within King, Pierce, or Snohomish counties, the following joint school districts are subject to this order: Bainbridge Island, Stanwood-Camano, and Darrington.

Additionally, the Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth, the Washington School for the Deaf, and the Washington State School for the Blind are prohibited from conducting student educational and outreach services in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

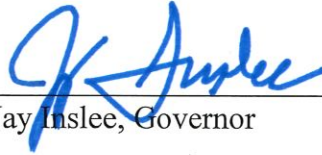
Nothing in this order shall be construed as precluding a public school district, charter school, or private school located in King, Pierce, or Snohomish counties from using their school facilities to provide childcare, nutrition programs, and other social services necessary to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

Further, nothing in this order shall be construed as precluding public school districts, charter schools, or private schools from providing supports to students necessary to meet course and credit requirements for high school graduation.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:



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Jay Inslee, Governor



BY THE GOVERNOR:



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Secretary of State  
**Mark Neary**  
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**20-09**

**Statewide K-12 School Closures**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, and 20-08 exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease has spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, significantly increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have now spread to 15 counties in Washington State, which represents 75% of the State's population, and the number of positive test results have increased 29% in the last four days; and

**WHEREAS**, while we do not fully understand the role children have in transmitting the virus, we do know they have a significant role in transmitting other respiratory viruses; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, it is necessary to implement additional stringent measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission statewide beyond King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues







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**20-10**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, and 20-09, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Washington State with no expectation of ending soon, and is currently expected to result in the confirmed number of cases doubling in the Puget Sound region every five to seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic and urges immediate action to stem the spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat of COVID-19 to our most vulnerable populations is significant, especially for those receiving long-term care services in their homes and congregate settings, such as long term care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, an adequate number of long-term care workers is necessary to provide essential services to some of Washington's most vulnerable adults and the outbreak of COVID-19 has significantly reduced the availability of long-term care workers in the state in recent weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, long-term care workers, who provide essential care to our most vulnerable populations, are required to complete specific training, testing and certification requirements by dates certain, yet necessary class offerings and testing have been disrupted and cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, exacerbating the long-term care worker shortage throughout Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of adult family homes throughout the State are now experiencing similar issues as those in the long term care facilities subject to Proclamation 20-06 regarding significant increased risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamations 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, and 20-09 remain in effect, that Proclamation 20-05 is amended to waive and suspend specified statutes that prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the long-term care worker shortage, and that Proclamation 20-06 is amended to expand the application of its prohibitions to include adult family homes licensed under RCW 70.128. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident-related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I also find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay action in providing long-term care workers necessary for coping with the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency under Proclamation 20-05, and that the language of each statutory and regulatory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended in its entirety until midnight on April 9, 2020:

1. RCW 74.39A.074(1)(a)
2. RCW 74.39A.076(1) and (2)
3. RCW 74.39A.341
4. RCW 70.128.120(6)
5. RCW 70.128.230(2), (5), and (6)
6. RCW 70.128.250 (last paragraph)
7. RCW 18.20.270(2), (5), and (6)
8. RCW 18.88B.021(1) (waiving and suspending only “within two hundred calendar days”)
9. Chapter 388-112A WAC
10. WAC 388-107-0630
11. WAC 388-78A-2474(1), (2), (4) and (5)
12. WAC 388-76-10146
13. WAC 388-76-10135(4)

14. WAC 388-71-0540(13)
15. WAC 388-71-0523
16. WAC 388-71-0520
17. WAC 246-980-040(1)(a) and (c)
18. WAC 246-980-030(1) and (2)
19. WAC 246-980-010(2)

**ADDITIONALLY**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h) and RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I also hereby amend Proclamation 20-06 to expand the application of its prohibitions to include adult family homes licensed under Ch. 70.128 RCW, and find that strict compliance with the following regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay protection of those in adult family homes that is necessary for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency under Proclamation 20-05, and that the language of each regulatory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended in its entirety until midnight on April 9, 2020:

1. WAC 388-76-10595(6)
2. WAC 388-76-10401

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 13th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10**

**20-11**

**Statewide Limits on Gatherings**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, and 20-10, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease has spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, significantly increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have now spread to 15 counties in Washington State, which represent 75% of the State's population, and the number of positive test results have increased 29% in the last four days; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to immediately expand the restrictions on large gatherings under Proclamation 20-07 to statewide application in order to limit opportunities for disease exposure and transmission beyond King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and





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AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08,  
20-09, 20-10, and 20-11**

**20-12**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, and 20-11, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Washington State with no expectation of ending soon, and is currently expected to result in the confirmed number of cases doubling in the Puget Sound region every five to seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic and urges immediate action to stem the spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, it is necessary to implement additional stringent social distancing and other measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission, especially in those areas of our state experiencing the most severe outbreaks; and

**WHEREAS**, many public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and similar schools and programs have already cancelled classes or implemented alternative learning options to address social distancing recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamations 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, and 20-11, remain in effect, and that Proclamation 20-05 is amended to prohibit all public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and similar schools and programs from conducting in-person classes in all counties of Washington State. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the following activities in all counties of Washington State related to the operation of all public and private public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship and similar programs, which restrictions shall remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, until 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

All public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship and similar programs are prohibited from conducting in-person classroom instruction and lectures related to all educational and apprenticeship related programs.

This prohibition does not apply to the conduct and operation of school and program affiliated labs and clinics, if either (1) social distancing measures are strictly implemented and monitored by designated school officials or (2) clinical protocols that are in alignment with public health guidelines are followed.

Nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to apply to the conduct and operation of dormitory services, general administrative services, safety programs, research or medical facilities.







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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05**

**20-13**

**Statewide Limits: Food and Beverage Services, Areas of Congregation**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, and 20-12, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease has and continues to spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, drastically increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in Washington totaled 162 in nine counties, including 21 deaths; and on March 13, confirmed cases increased to a total of 568 in 15 counties, including 37 deaths; and on March 15, confirmed cases further increased to 769 in 17 counties, including 42 deaths, with these 17 counties representing 85% of the State's total population;

**WHEREAS**, as of March 15, 2020, Washington State represents 2% of the nation's population and has 21% of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 64% of COVID-19-related deaths, in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention revised its guidance to reduce the size of gatherings from 250 persons to 50 persons;

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to immediately prohibit any number of people from congregating in public venues for purposes of public entertainment, recreation, food or beverage service, theater, bowling, and other similar activities, in order to limit opportunities for disease exposure and transmission in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 is amended to prohibit any number of people from gathering in any public venue in which people congregate for purposes of public entertainment, recreation, food and beverage service, theater, bowling, fitness and other similar activities, to include all public venues in which the serving, provision, or consumption of prepared food or beverages occurs at a table, bar, or for consumption within.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the onsite consumption of food and/or beverages in a public venue, including but not limited to, the following venues, and which prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

1. Restaurants;
2. Food courts;
3. Bars;
4. Taverns;
5. Coffee shops;
6. Catered events;
7. Clubs;
8. Bowling alleys;
9. All other similar venues in which people congregate for the consumption of food or beverages.

For purposes of this Proclamation, “public venue” has its ordinary meaning and also includes, but is not limited to, social clubs, private clubs, tennis clubs, golf clubs, faith-based organizations/facilities, and other similar venues.





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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
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**20-14**

**Reduction of Statewide Limits on Gatherings**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, and 20-13, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease has and continues to spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, significantly increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to immediately expand the restrictions on large gatherings of 250 or more as amended under Proclamation 20-11 to gatherings of 50 people or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State and remain a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency





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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05**

**20-15  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, and 20-14, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, continues to broadly spread throughout Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) operates 56 driver licensing offices around the state where applicants for driver licenses and state identification cards may be required to be photographed and also take an eye exam using shared eye examination equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 people a month visit the 56 (DOL) driver licensing offices for renewal or initial issuance of a driver license or state identification card; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, it is necessary to implement additional social distancing actions and take other significant measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission and infection, including in the operation of DOL driver license offices serving large numbers of people on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression throughout Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of this ongoing incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all Washington State counties, that Proclamations 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, and 20-14 remain in effect, and that Proclamation 20-05 is amended to waive specific statutes pertaining to DOL eye examinations and renewals of driver licenses and identification cards, as provided herein.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Also, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I also find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency when conducting eye examinations and renewals of driver licenses and identification cards at Washington State DOL driver licensing offices throughout the state, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until midnight on April 15, 2020:

1. RCW 46.20.130(1)(a) in its entirety, effective immediately.
2. RCW 46.20.120(3)(b) (waiving and suspending only “, if permitted by rule of the department and if the applicant did not renew his or her license by mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired.”), effective beginning March 23, 2020.
3. RCW 46.20.117(3)(b) (waiving and suspending only “, if permitted by rule of the department and if the applicant did not renew his or her identicard by mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired.”), effective beginning March 23, 2020.

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 16th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/

Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State





**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-06**

**20-16**

**Statewide Limits on LTC – No Visitors**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, and 20-15, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, since Proclamation 20-06 issued, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, since Proclamation 20-06 issued, the COVID-19 disease has spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, drastically increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher in those members of our population who are 60 years of age and older and those with chronic health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate residential settings are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, infected facility staff and visitors can introduce a virus into the population and start an outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, is to continue coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is to continue coordinating with the Washington State Department of Health in assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, Proclamation 20-05, and all amendments thereto, remain in effect, and Proclamation 20-06, pertaining to prohibitions on the admission of visitors of residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities, is amended as provided herein. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 epidemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Washington State Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h) to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-06 to include the following comprehensive list of facilities subject to the prohibitions of Proclamation 20-06:

1. State operated Adult psychiatric facilities including Western State Hospital, Eastern State Hospital - RCW 72.23.020
2. The Special Commitment Center on McNeil Island - RCW 71.09.020(19)
3. The King County Secure Community Transition Facility - RCW 71.09.020(15)
4. The Pierce County Secure Community Transition Facility on McNeil Island - RCW 71.09.020(15)
5. The Fort Steilacoom Competency Restoration Program, Residential Treatment Facility – RCW 10.77
6. Maple Lane Competency Restoration Program, Residential Treatment Facility – RCW 10.77
7. Yakima Competency Restoration Program, Residential Treatment Facility – RCW 10.77
8. Intermediate Care Facilities - 42 CFR 483 subpart I and WAC 388-835, WAC 388-837
9. State Operated Living Alternatives - RCW 71A.12
10. Nursing Facilities – RCW 18.51 and RCW 74.42





**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-06, and 20-16**

**20-17**

**Statewide Limits on LTC – No Visitors Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, and 20-16, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, since Proclamation 20-06 issued, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, since Proclamation 20-06 issued, the COVID-19 disease has spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties, drastically increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher in those members of our population who are 60 years of age and older, those with chronic health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate settings, such as long term care and treatment facilities, and most residents of long term care or treatment facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, infected facility staff and visitors can introduce a virus into the population and start an outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting epidemic in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remain a public disaster affecting life, health, property and the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, is to continue coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is to continue coordinating with the (DOH) in assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect, and that Proclamations 20-6 and 20-16, pertaining to prohibitions on the admission of visitors of residents to a comprehensive list of facilities, is amended as provided herein. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 epidemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h) to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-06 and 20-16 to add the following facilities to the comprehensive list of facilities that are prohibited from the acts listed in Proclamation 20-06 and 20-16:

1. Evaluation and Treatment Facilities - RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34
2. Residential Treatment Facilities - RCW 71.12

**ADDITIONALLY**, based on the above situation, and to support implementation of the activities prohibited above, and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I also hereby find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency under Proclamation 20-05, and that the language of each statutory and regulatory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended until midnight on April 16, 2020, as it applies to the facilities listed above:

1. RCW 71.05.217(4), in its entirety:  
“(4) To have visitors at reasonable times;”
2. RCW 71.05.360(10)(d), in its entirety:  
“(d) To have visitors at reasonable times;”
3. RCW 71.34.355(4), in its entirety:  
“(4) To have visitors at reasonable times;”





OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

**EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-01**

**TO: ALL HEALTH CARRIERS AUTHORIZED OR ADMITTED TO OFFER HEALTH PLANS OR SHORT TERM LIMITED DURATION MEDICAL PLANS IN WASHINGTON STATE THAT ARE REGULATED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.**

**FROM: MIKE KREIDLER, INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

**RE: RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK IN WASHINGTON STATE**

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Washington state requires swift and coordinated action across the public and private sectors to minimize human suffering. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner, our partner state agencies, local health jurisdictions, health carriers, and health care providers and facilities are committed to the health and welfare of the people of Washington. Each has a role to play in this coordinated effort. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner is working closely with the Governor and the state Department of Health to support and assist in their efforts to address the challenges associated with COVID-19 outbreak in Washington state, using the best science and best practices available.

On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation # 20-05 proclaiming a state of emergency in all counties in Washington state due the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States and in Washington state.

**ORDER**

PURSUANT TO the Governor's Proclamation and RCW 48.02.060(4), the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Washington ("Insurance Commissioner") orders all health carriers, as defined in RCW 48.43.005(28), authorized or admitted to offer health plans, as defined in RCW 48.43.005(29) or short-term limited duration medical plans in Washington state, during the period of March 5, 2020 through May 4, 2020, as follows:

- A. Cover, prior to application of any deductible and with no cost-sharing, the health care provider visit and FDA-authorized coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing for enrollees who meet the CDC criteria for testing, as determined by the enrollee's health care provider.
- B. Allow enrollees to obtain a one-time refill of their covered prescription medications prior to the expiration of the waiting period between refills so that enrollees can maintain an

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adequate supply of necessary medication. Carriers may take into consideration patient safety risks associated with early refills for certain drug classes, such as opioids, benzodiazepines and stimulants.

- C. Suspend any prior authorization requirements that apply to covered diagnostic testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- D. Ensure compliance with WAC 284-170-200(5), which requires that if a carrier has an insufficient number or type of providers in their network to provide testing and treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the carrier must ensure that the enrollee obtains the covered service from a provider or facility within reasonable proximity of the enrollee at no greater cost than if the provider were in-network.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, the Insurance Commissioner hereby activates the provisions of RCW 48.02.060(4)(b) and (d) in order to protect the safety and welfare of persons affected by the impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the State of Washington, as set forth above. The geographical extent of this Emergency Order is the entire state of Washington.

This Order shall remain in effect until May 4, 2020, subject to the further order of the Insurance Commissioner extending its effect.

## **BASIS**

1. The geographical extent of this state of emergency is the entire state of Washington.
2. RCW 48.02.060(4)(d) provides that, when the Governor proclaims a state of emergency under RCW 43.06.010(12), the Insurance Commissioner may issue an order that addresses any or all of the following matters related to insurance policies issued in this state: (d) medical coverage to ensure access to care.
3. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak has harmed or threatened to harm the property, safety and welfare of Washington residents who have been rendered ill or whose lives or employment have been otherwise disrupted by the outbreak.
4. RCW 48.02.060(5) provides that an order by the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section may remain effective for not more than sixty (60) days unless the Insurance Commissioner extends the termination date for the order for an additional period of not more than thirty (30) days. The Insurance Commissioner may extend the order if, in the Insurance Commissioner's judgment, the circumstances warrant an extension. An order of the Insurance Commissioner under subsection (4) of this section is not effective after the related state of emergency is terminated by proclamation of the governor under



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RCW 43.06.210. The order must specify, by line of insurance: (a) the geographic areas in which the order applies, which must be within but may be less extensive than the geographic area specified in the governor's proclamation of a state of emergency and must be specific according to an appropriate means of delineation, such as the United States postal service zip codes or other appropriate means; and (b) The date on which the order becomes effective and the date on which the order terminates.

5. Emergency action by the Insurance Commissioner is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of persons affected by the impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the State of Washington.

**THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND IS ENTERED** at Olympia, Washington, this 5th day of March, 2020.



MIKE KREIDLER  
Insurance Commissioner

**ENCLOSURE C TO MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST**

Estimated Assistance from Other Federal Agency Programs

County / Tribal Area	SBA Home Loans	SBA Business Loans	FSA Loans	NRCS	FHWA	USACE	BIA	OTHER
Clallam	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Columbia	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Garfield	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Grays Harbor	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Island	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jefferson	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
King	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Lewis	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Mason	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pacific	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pierce	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
San Juan	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Skagit	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Snohomish	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Thurston	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wahkiakum	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Walla Walla	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Whatcom	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Totals</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

*Note: Extent of other federal assistance is not known at this time.*