TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Governor Jay Inslee

DATE: September 16, 2020


This memorandum revises all previous requirements concerning the above-listed activities and is effective September 16, 2020. After further consultation with stakeholders, we have developed new Phase 2 and Phase 3 Wedding Ceremonies, Wedding Receptions, and Funerals – COVID-19 Requirements. These requirements remain in force as long as Gubernatorial Proclamations 20-25, et seq., or any further extension thereof, is in effect or if adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regulatory agency.

This memorandum applies to all wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions, and funerals, both religious and non-religious, and whether held indoors or outdoors. Furthermore, this memorandum stands in the place of any omission from and supersedes any conflicting provision in Proclamations 20-25, et seq., and the Governor’s July 28, 2020, memorandum on gatherings, live entertainment, and Safe Start amendments.

The activities described herein may resume immediately if:

a) The businesses can meet and maintain all requirements, including providing materials, schedules and equipment needed to comply; and

b) The businesses conduct only those activities that are allowed under their county’s phase status.

General questions about how to comply with safety practices can be submitted to the state’s Business Response Center here.

All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted here.