



Fire Marshal's Office Service Updates – COVID-19 and Safe Start for Re-Opening Seattle

Update as of September 17, 2020 -- The Governor has approved further re-opening in King County. Please review information from the County about [what is allowed](#) and [how to re-open safely](#). The Seattle Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office is providing inspections, permits, certification and plan review services. We have adjusted our business practices to continue serving our customers while following safe worksite guidelines – please see the summary information below and check back frequently for updates. We hope by taking these steps we can help slow the spread of the virus in our community.

Determining Your Occupant Load for Safe Start – The City has assembled [general code information](#) to help you determine a standard occupancy load for your business, and further calculate reduced occupancy load maximums during Safe Start. Please note that the [Building Department](#) makes final decisions on occupancy loads.

Certification Examinations – All Services Available, Please [Pre-Book Your Testing Appointment](#)

- Drop-in testing no longer possible. Scheduling ensures sufficient social distancing and safety requirements are met.

Code Complaints – Regular Services Available by [Email](#)

Code Questions – Regular Services Available by [Email](#)

Inspections – Providing Services and Inspections

- **Code compliance inspections, high-rise building inspections, [SFD hazmat/assembly permit](#)** inspections are available in circumstances that comply with Phase 2 of the [Governor's Safe Start Guidelines](#). Schedule using our regular scheduling process.
- **Construction** – all construction is allowed for businesses that adhere to [strict COVID 19 job site requirements](#) and the City's [requirements for construction projects](#).

Plan Review – Regular Services Provided Online and By [Email](#)

- Submit plans and corrections as usual through [Seattle Services Portal](#) and review SDCI's [online services](#).

Systems Testing Guidance – Building Owners Should Continue to Maintain Fire Safe Buildings and Equipment

- Ensure safe work environment for employees and customers - see [guidelines](#) from the State of Washington.
- [Email](#) to request extension for testing in occupancies where there is a public health consideration. Red tags must be repaired.
- See also [NFPA Guidance on Testing During Pandemic](#) and [Fire Marshal's Email to ITM Companies](#).

Special Events – Permitted Events Remain Suspended

- Contact us at permits@seattle.gov to reschedule or receive a full refund for your permit fees.
- Limited re-openings of several farmers' markets are occurring.
- Modified [temporary tent permitting provisions](#) are in effect during the pandemic.

Walk In Service Counter at 220 3rd Ave South (Fire Marshal's Office) – Closed

- The best method to conduct business with SFD is [email](#). We are actively monitoring all our dedicated email accounts. The City is strongly encouraging employees to work from home. Staffing for phones will be limited and wait times will be longer than usual.