

PHASE 2

Restaurants and Taverns Toolkit



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Overview

What is Phase 2?

Phase 2 allows certain businesses and activities to resume under strict public health and safety guidance. Business owners who need more specific guidance can request assistance at the [Washington State Coronavirus Response page](#) (English only), call the State of Washington's Department of Labor & Industries at 1-800-547-8367, interpretation available or can contact staff from the City's Office of Economic Development for assistance at 206-684-8090, interpretation available.

When will Phase 2 Start?

King County entered Phase 2 on June 19, 2020. The Department of Health can revoke these privileges at any time. For example, if the number of COVID-19 cases increase, we may go back to Phase 1.5 or Phase 1.

What Does Phase 2 Mean for My Business?

Under Phase 2 guidance, you must follow certain health and safety requirements for operating your business, including but not limited to:

- Operate at no more than 50 percent of building occupancy or lower, as determined by the fire code;
- Outdoor seating is permitted at 50 percent capacity;
- All parties and tables must be 5 guests or less;
- Bar seating is not allowed; and
- Buffets, and salad bars are permitted with the restrictions [outlined here](#).

Where Can I Get More Information?

The City will continue to relay information from the State as soon as we have it. Any materials the City creates will be accessible and available in-language. In the meantime, you should visit the [Washington State Department of Labor & Industries \(L&I\) website](#) (English only) for additional reopening guidance. You can also find the [Governor's Phase 2 guidance for restaurants and taverns here](#) (English only), and you can find an overview of the [Governor's Safe Start Washington plan here](#) (English only).

The City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development (OED) has a [comprehensive resource page](#) for small businesses, nonprofits, and workers impacted by COVID-19. This page will be updated as more information on the State's guidance for reopening becomes available.

In addition, the Seattle Office of Labor Standards has more information about your responsibilities under Seattle's Paid Sick and Safe Time (PSST) law, as well as COVID-19-related paid leave under the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Both the FFCRA leave and PSST protect public health by ensuring that employees and children can stay home away from coworkers, school, and customers when they are sick or during a public health emergency. For more information about PSST, you can visit the [Office of Labor Standards PSST COVID-19 Q&A here](#) (available in [multiple languages here](#)). More information about the FFCRA COVID-19 leave [is available here](#) (English only).

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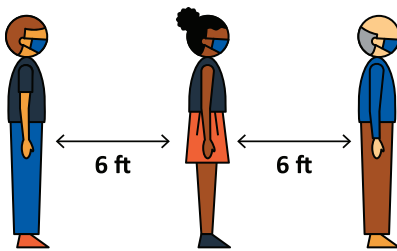
This Reopening Toolkit is produced by the City of Seattle, and is intended to provide accessible, high-level information based off the guidance that is set by the State Department of Health and Public Health – Seattle & King County to help business owners successfully open in Phase 2. Businesses can only open once they can meet all requirements [in the guidance outlined on the State Department of Health's website](#). All guidance is subject to change at any time.

During Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan for restaurants and taverns, indoor dine-in service is permitted at 50% building occupancy, outdoor service is permitted at 50% capacity as long as the City has previously granted you a permit, you cannot serve parties with more than five guests, bar seating is not permitted and buffet, or salad bar service is permitted with restrictions [outlined here](#).

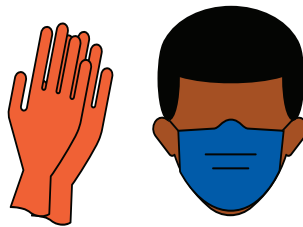
Restaurants & Taverns Checklist

Staff Health and Safety

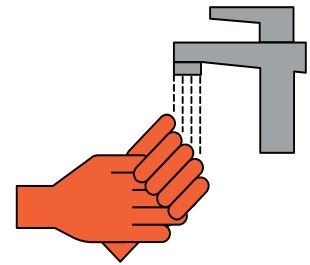
Make sure to provide a safe working environment and educate staff about the signs, symptoms, and risk factors associated with COVID-19 illness, how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus at work; including steps being taken in the workplace to establish social distancing, frequent handwashing, and other precautions. Visit www.kingcounty.gov/covid to find public health guidance in over 30 languages.



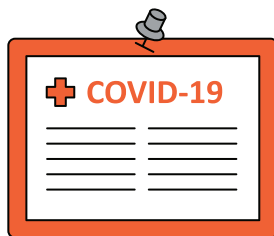
- ☐ Ensure employees maintain six feet of physical distance. If that's not possible, stagger work schedules or create physical barriers between staff.



- ☐ Provide employees free face coverings and disposable gloves. Visit seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19/seattle-protects to find face coverings for you and your staff.



- ☐ Ensure frequent handwashing.



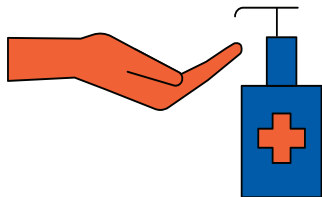
- ☐ Assign a COVID-19 supervisor for each shift whose sole role is to oversee employee health and safety and ensure proper cleaning, hygiene, and screening protocols are followed.



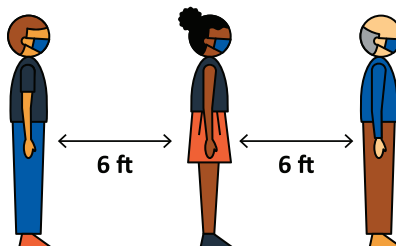
- ☐ Conduct health screening for employees for COVID-19 symptoms as soon as each employee shows up for work. If an employee does show symptoms, send them home immediately and deeply clean all areas/ surfaces that employee touched.

Customer Health and Safety

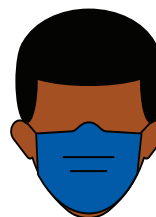
Display up-to-date public health guidance in multiple languages around your establishment. Public Health – Seattle & King County has downloadable posters in more than 30 languages available for free at www.kingcounty.gov/covid. During times of emergencies, accessibility continues to be a civil right. Consider appropriate accommodations for people with disabilities when planning for reopening to clients or customers.



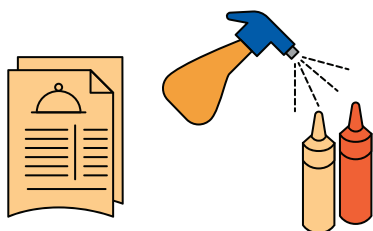
- ☐ Provide accessible hand sanitizer stations at all entrances to your establishment.



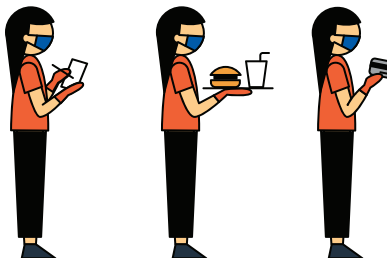
- ☐ Ensure customers can maintain six feet of physical distance. This is required for table service, food pickup, payment counters, and waiting areas that are inside and outside your establishment.



- ☐ Ensure customers understand they should wear face coverings at all times except for when they're seated at their table or if they are under two years old or have a medical reason that makes it unsafe for them to wear one.



- ☐ Use single-use menus or a menu board for in-person dining. If condiments kept on tables are not single use, they must be sanitized after each customer finishes their meal.



- ☐ Minimize serving staff to each table; one waiter should take the table's order, bring their food and drink, and take their payment, etc.



- ☐ Consider keeping a voluntary log of customers to help facilitate contact tracing. The log should include their name, phone number, and the date they visited the business.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Rent and Evictions

Current State of Commercial & Nonprofit Rent and Evictions

If you independently own a small business with 50 or fewer employees per establishment, or if you run a state nonprofit, or a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, **your landlord cannot currently evict you in the City of Seattle**, due to an eviction moratorium signed by Mayor Durkan. In addition, the City Council, led by Councilmember Herbold, passed an Ordinance which includes rules that do not allow the landlord to raise the rent and rules about creating a repayment plan for back rent. [You can find a summary of the City's rules around repayment plans here.](#)

Commercial Lease Toolkit

The City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development (OED) partnered with Communities Rise and Perkins Coie to create a new [COVID-19 Lease Amendment Toolkit](#) for small businesses and nonprofits. The toolkit provides a suite of tools – including template lease amendment language – to assist small businesses and nonprofits who are navigating the negotiation of their commercial leases with their landlords.

If you are a small business or nonprofit with 50 employees or fewer, you can request an appointment to meet with a lawyer for a free 60-minute phone base or video call consultation to help you with your COVID-19 related lease questions [here](#).

The COVID-19 Lease Amendment Toolkit [includes a video](#) and the following supplementary materials (linked at the bottom of the page):

- How to use this [Lease Amendment Toolkit](#) (slide deck that explains how to use this Toolkit).
- Summary of WA State and City of Seattle [moratorium and proclamations](#) on Commercial Real Estate.
- This summary provides information about Washington State, King County and City of Seattle proclamations, moratoriums, policies, and ordinance regarding commercial leases during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Guidance for Tenants During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- Template (sample) documents that you can edit to make it fit your particular situation:
 - * Lease amendment [template](#)
 - * Lease termination agreement [template](#)
 - * Letter to landlord (short) [template](#)
 - * Letter to landlord (long with options) [template](#)

Financial Resources for Businesses and Nonprofits

Need Access to Capital & Other Resources?

The City of Seattle has prepared this resource for small businesses to find available capital and financial resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the rapidly changing nature of the crisis, and additional City, county, state, and federal programs being expanded or established, this information is subject to change and will be updated regularly.

City of Seattle Resources

Utility Payment Relief: Small businesses that have been financially impacted by COVID-19 can defer their utility payments to the City of Seattle. To set up a deferred utility payment plan, call Seattle City Light or Seattle Public Utilities at 206-684-3000, or [send an email here](#). We'll be sure to keep your lights on and your water running in the meantime, regardless of your ability to pay.

B&O Tax Deferment: Small business owners with an annual taxable income of \$5 million or less can defer on their quarterly B&O tax payments to preserve cash on hand and ease the financial burden caused by COVID-19. If you have questions about this source of tax relief during the epidemic, please call (206) 684-8484 or email: tax@seattle.gov.

The Seattle Public Library: The Seattle Public Library (SPL) is helping businesses find accurate market data to pivot and explore the viability of new services and products and start new businesses too. SPL also provides nonprofits with remote access to a valuable grant seeking database called the Foundation Directory. [Click here to learn more](#).

State of Washington Resources

Tax Filing Flexibility and Waived Penalties: The Washington State Department of Revenue (DOR) can work with impacted companies that request an extension on tax filing. Your business can request such an extension prior to the due date of the return, and, if granted, your business would be allowed to delay reporting and paying taxes. DOR may also waive penalties under limited circumstances if your business is late in paying its tax obligation. For more information, please contact DOR at 360.705.6705.

Unemployment Benefit Charge Relief: Employers may be eligible for relief of benefit charges if an employer needs to shut down operations temporarily because a worker becomes sick and other workers need to be isolated or quarantined as a result of COVID-19. [For more information, click here](#).

Federal Resources

Paycheck Protection Program Loans: The [Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP) provides small businesses with 500 employees or fewer up to \$10 million in forgivable loans to pay their employees during the COVID-19 crisis. All loan terms will be the same for everyone and are provided through financial institutions/lenders. These loans can offset reduced revenues and other economic losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, new guidance on PPP Loan Forgiveness has been released and [can be accessed here](#).

The City's Office of Economic Development (OED) is offering technical assistance to help small businesses apply for PPP loans. [Visit our website with detailed directions about applying for these loans here](#), or call (206) 684-8090. You can also access language assistance by calling (206) 684-8090. All callers can leave a message, and bilingual staff will call back with in-language support.

Nonprofit, Private, and Philanthropic Resources

Free Printable Templates for Coronavirus Signage: Signs.com is offering free printable health and closure sign templates related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. To browse available templates and for more information, [visit their website](#).

Digital Undivided: The Doonie Fund makes micro investments in Black women entrepreneurs. Grants will be awarded while funds are still available. [To apply, visit their website](#).

Red Backpack Fund: Global Giving will be awarding grants of \$5,000 each to female entrepreneurs in the U.S. to help alleviate immediate needs and support the long-term recovery of those impacted by COVID-19. Grants will be awarded until funds runs out. Visit the website for more information.

GoFundMe: The GoFundMe Small Business Relief Initiative is intended to support our local businesses facing financial loss. Search live campaigns by [visiting the GoFundMe website](#).

Amazon's Neighborhood Small Business Relief Fund: Amazon has launched a fund to support neighborhood small businesses in Seattle (South Lake Union and Regrade neighborhoods) and Bellevue. Eligible small businesses will need to: 1) have fewer than 50 employees or less than \$7 million in annual revenue; 2) be service or retail establishments open to the general public (dental establishments and corporate offices for instance, will not qualify). Grants will be awarded until funds runs out. [Eligible small businesses can apply here](#).

The Seattle Sounders FC Relief Fund: This fund was established by RAVE Foundation to support individuals, small businesses, and nonprofits located in CenturyLink Field and in the neighborhoods surrounding CenturyLink Field that have been adversely impacted by the postponement of the 2020 MLS season

due to COVID-19. Grants will be awarded until funds runs out. To find out more and apply for benefits, [see their website](#).

The Plate Fund: The Schultz Family Foundation established [The Plate Fund](#) to support individual restaurant workers who live or work in King County with \$500 in immediate assistance. Restaurant owners can request a code for employees to apply at coderequests@theplatefund.com.

Face Coverings

Need assistance sourcing face coverings?

The City of Seattle heard from many business owners who are searching to buy both small and large quantities of face coverings. And we've also heard from our midsize manufacturers, who are the backbone of Seattle's economy, that many of them are changing their output to better serve the needs of their customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why the City of Seattle created the [Seattle Protects](#) online marketplace to help businesses, nonprofit organizations, and residents purchase face coverings from local manufacturers. Visit seattle.gov/seattleprotects to find face coverings for your employees today.

Seattle Protects was created to:

1. Protect public health by helping businesses and communities access face coverings;
2. Support local manufacturers and small businesses;
3. Provide access to cloth face coverings to vulnerable populations by providing community-based organizations that serve immigrants and refugees, people experiencing homelessness, and older adults a place to source affordable face coverings; and
4. Reduce competition with the health care sector for medical-grade face coverings.

Seattle is no place for hate.

There are valid reasons why some people can't wear masks such as individuals with disabilities or children under the age of two – please do not discriminate. Individuals that indicate they cannot safely wear a face covering should still be allowed to enter your business or be provided the appropriate accommodations to patron your establishment. If you experience or witness harassment or an act of bias, report it to the Seattle Office for Civil Rights Anti-Bias hotline at 206-233-7100. You can also report online at seattle.gov/reportbias. If it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1 immediately.

COVID-19 Free Testing

Need Access to Free Testing for COVID-19?

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The COVID-19 Testing Process:

1. Register online via the [COVID-19: Resources for Community page](#) or call* (206) 684-2489 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m.
2. Visit the testing site! Please don't forget to wear a face covering.
3. Get your results. Results times vary but typically are between 24-48 hours.

*If you need in-language assistance, please tell us in English the language you need, we will then connect you with an interpreter.

What You'll Need to Get Free Testing:

1. A photo ID with your date of birth. Testing is available regardless of your citizenship/immigration status.
2. An insurance card only if you have insurance. You do not need to have insurance or a doctor's note to schedule a test. You will not be charged for the test.

Where to Go:

Aurora Testing Site

12040 Aurora Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133

Hours of operation: Mon - Sat, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SODO Testing Site

3820 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

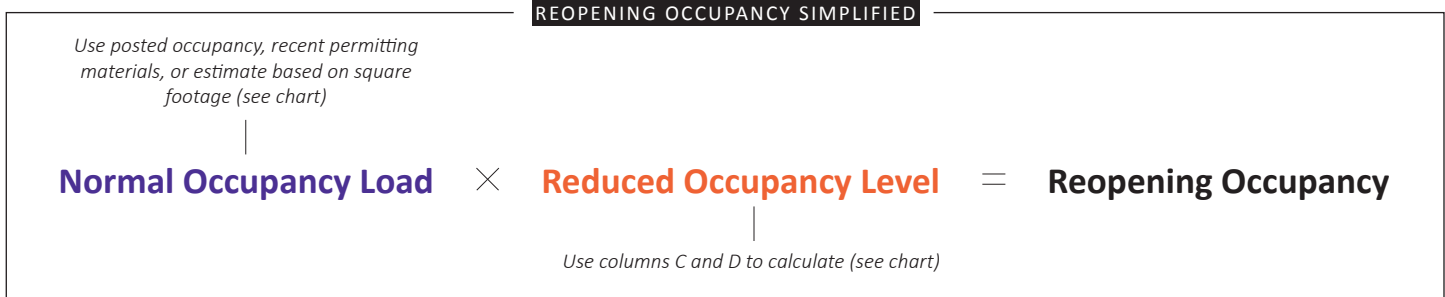
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Finding the occupancy of your business

King County has received permission from the Secretary of Health to move into Phase 2 of the Governor's Reopening Plan, which would allow some businesses to increase operations while limiting the number of people in the space, referred to as the "occupancy" in the reopening plan. The technical term is "occupant load." For more guidance on how to use the chart below, consult the next page.

Column A Type of Business (and link to WA State Business Activity Guidelines)	ESTIMATING YOUR EXISTING OCCUPANT LOAD		FINDING YOUR REOPENING OCCUPANCY
	Column B Areas to Measure when Calculating Estimate	Column C Normal Occupant Load Factor (Square Feet per Person)	Column D Phase 2 Reduced Occupancy Level
Restaurants/Taverns (Dine-In)			
Outdoor dining areas	Customer Dining Spaces	15	50%*
Indoor dining areas	Customer Dining Spaces	15	50%*
Bar seating	Customer Dining Spaces	15	not allowed
Retail (in-store)	Sales Floors	60	30%
Fitness studios (indoor)	Workout Spaces	50	30%*
Religious and Faith Orgs (indoor)	Spaces of Worship	15	25%
Personal Services	All indoor spaces	100	50%
Pet Grooming	All indoor spaces	100	50%
Professional Services	All indoor spaces	100	50%
Real Estate	All indoor spaces	100	50%

*Other restrictions may also limit the number of people allowed. See [King County's approved phase 2 plan](#) and the Governor's [Phase 2 business activity guidelines](#) for more information.



Methods for finding the occupant load for your space under the reopening plan

1. **Posted occupancy:** If you have a posted occupancy limit inside your business, use it as the baseline when calculating your reduced occupant load. Occupancy limit signs are posted in assembly spaces with an occupant load of 50 or more people, including many restaurants and taverns. To find your reduced occupant load allowed under the reopening plan, multiply your posted occupancy by the reduced occupancy level (in columns D or E below) and check the Governor’s Business Activity Guidelines for more detailed information
2. **Recent Permitting Materials:** If you recently received a permit for tenant improvements in your space, the precise occupant load of your space may be available on the approved permit plans. If you still have a copy of the final building permit plans, this would likely be the easiest and fastest way to find the official number. You may also be able to find the approved plans by logging into SDCI’s [project portal](#) or by contacting the design professional for the permit.
3. **Estimate based on square footage:** Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) has developed the matrix above to help you estimate your normal occupant load and how many people are allowed in indoor or outdoor spaces under the reopening plan. Using Columns B and C to estimate your existing occupant load will likely result in a number lower than your permitted occupancy, but is an option if you do not know your current occupant load.

Estimating your existing occupant load:

1. Find the amount of floor space area indicated in Column B. You may be able to find the square footage for your space on your leasing agreement, in any floor plans you have, or on the Certificate of Occupancy for your space. If you cannot determine the square footage (s.f.) of your space in any documentation, you can measure (in feet) the length and width of the relevant areas. Multiply the measured length and width together to get the s.f. of a space.

2. Divide the size of your space by the normal occupant load factor (Column B). You can round up to the nearest whole number.
Restaurant example: 1,000 s.f. dining area / 15 s.f. per person = Up to 67 people
Retail example: 1,000 s.f. sales floor / 60 s.f. per person = Up to 17 people

Finding your reduced occupant load allowed under the reopening plan:

1. Multiply your normal occupant load by the Phase 2 reduced occupancy level (Column D).
Restaurant example: 67 people x 0.50 = Up to 34 people allowed
Retail example: 17 people x 0.30 = Up to 5 people allowed
 2. Check King County's approved phase 2 plan and the Governor's Business Activity Guidelines for more guidance and limitations on the number of people allowed in your business.
4. **Historical Permit Research:** SDCI may be able to help you research historical permitting documents, however, permit records will take time to track down, and older, historical records may not be available. SDCI recommends using methods 1-3.
 5. **More information:** Questions about operating under Phase 2 in Seattle? Call the Office of Economic Development at 206-684-8090. In-language assistance is available. Questions about your normal occupant load? Submit them online at: <http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/LUQnA/?Type=2>

Outdoor Permitting at a Glance

Now that King County has entered Phase 2 of the Governor's Safe Start plan, we know that many business owners are eager to re-open or expand their outdoor operations, so we've created this fact sheet to get you started!

Add to or Expand Your Business Outdoors on the Street or Sidewalk with FREE Temporary Permits

If you're interested in using space on the sidewalk or street in front of your business to add a temporary café or additional retail space, or if you are a food truck or vending cart owner who would like to try out new vending locations, you will need a Street Use permit from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). These temporary permits are free.

We've created new, flexible temporary permit options for sidewalk cafes, merchandise displays, and food and other vending. These permits are good for up to six months.

- **Temporary Outdoor Café Permit:** Request this permit if you're a restaurant owner who would like seating on the sidewalk or in the curb space parking. An additional permit from Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board will be required to serve alcohol.
- **Temporary Merchandise Display Permit:** Request this permit if you're a retail business owner who would like to expand operations outside into the sidewalk or in the curb space parking (note that this includes the point of sale).
- **Temporary Vending Permits:** Request this permit if you're a vendor who would like more flexibility on your vending location and duration. This includes street and sidewalk locations for food trucks and carts.

Please note that restaurants and retail businesses will need to provide any fencing necessary to meet the permit requirements. We are expediting and prioritizing these types of permit applications, however, additional review time may be necessary depending on the quality of the permit application, site complexity, and volume of requests.

While not all locations are eligible for these permits, we're happy to work with you to identify other opportunities!

Add to or Expand Your Business Outdoors on Private Property

If you are interested in establishing or expanding an outdoor space for business activities on your property, you may need one of the following permits from the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI).

- **Permanent Use Permit:** Request this permit if your outdoor area is located more than 50 feet from a residential zone and will meet all other standards in the City's Land Use Code. This permit will allow you to use your new outdoor space permanently.
- **Temporary Use Permit:** Request this permit if your outdoor area is located less than 50 feet from a residential zone or if you will need flexibility from other Land Use Code standards. This permit will allow you to use your outdoor space for four weeks, but you can continue to reapply.

- Intermittent Use Permit: Request this permit if your outdoor area is located less than 50 feet from a residential zone or if you will need flexibility from other Land Use Code standards, and if you only need to use the outdoor space one or two days each week. This permit is good for a full year.

Permit fees are approximately \$350. We are expediting and prioritizing these types of permit applications. Depending on the quality of the permit application, permits can take up to three weeks to obtain.

Need help or have questions about your options?

If you have questions about the different permits available or need help with the application process, call us at 206-684-8090 or e-mail us at oed@seattle.gov for free help and technical assistance.

Additional information about outdoor permits on private property on the SDCI website at www.seattle.gov/sdci/permits/how-do-you-get-a-permit.

For outdoor permits on streets and sidewalks, you can find more information on the SDOT website at www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/permits/temporary-permits

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PLEASE PROTECT ONE ANOTHER FROM COVID-19



**Wear a face covering and keep 6 feet
apart from others in public spaces.**

Wash hands before and after wearing a mask



Fit coverings snugly but
comfortably against the
side of the face



Use the ties or loops to put
your mask on and off



Face coverings should
have multiple layers



Avoid touching the front of
the face covering, especially
when you take it off



Wash and dry your
cloth mask daily



Children should only
wear them with
adult supervision

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For more information:
kingcounty.gov/masks

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WE'RE PROTECTING OUR CUSTOMERS FROM COVID-19



In response to Public Health direction, we:

- ✓ Screen employees daily for any of these symptoms:

fever OR shortness of breath OR cough



Other symptoms:

- chills
- muscle pain
- sore throat
- loss of taste or smell

- ✓ Ensure sick employees stay home.



- ✓ Make hand washing and hand sanitizer available.



- ✓ Clean and sanitize surfaces frequently.



Please help in protecting our community:

- Ask if you need directions to a bathroom or hand sanitizer.
- Don't share utensils.
- Stand at least 6 feet apart while waiting to order or for pick-up.
- Protect those at greater risk (older adults and those with medical conditions) by staying home if sick.



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STEPS TO MINIMIZE RISK OF COVID-19



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take these steps:**

- ✓ Screen employees daily for any of these symptoms:

fever OR shortness of breath OR cough



Other symptoms:

- chills
- muscle pain
- sore throat
- loss of taste or smell

- ✓ Send sick employees home.



- ✓ Allow high risk employees to stay home (people over 60, pregnant people, medical conditions).

- ✓ Make hand washing and hand sanitizer available.



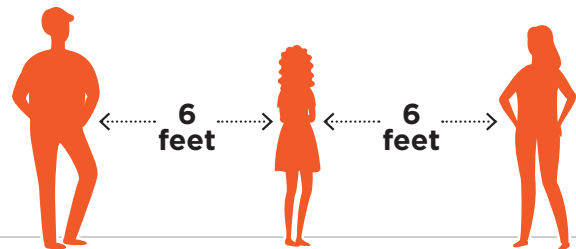
- ✓ Clean and sanitize surfaces frequently.



- ✓ Limit face-to-face contact to under 10 minutes.



- ✓ Remind customers to stand at least 6 feet apart while waiting to order or for pick-up.



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- ✓ Ask employees to read this information sheet.