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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-25, et seq.

20-25.10

"STAY SAFE – STAY HEALTHY"
ROLLBACK OF COUNTY-BY-COUNTY PHASED REOPENING
RESPONDING TO A COVID-19 OUTBREAK SURGE

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 several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, I issued Proclamations 20-25, et seq., first entitled "*Stay Home – Stay Healthy*," and later changed to "*Safe Start – Stay Healthy" County-By-County Phased Reopening*, found here, in which I initially prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and then gradually relaxed those limitations based on county-by-county phasing established according to metrics provided by the Secretary of Health; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, due to the increased COVID-19 infection rates across the state, I ordered a freeze on all counties moving forward to a subsequent phase, and that freeze remains in place today; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, the Secretary of Health issued *Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.1*, found here, which, among other things, requires (with exceptions) the use of face coverings throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, despite this guidance, positive COVID-19-related cases and hospitalizations have been on a steady rise since early September; and, most alarmingly, since the latter part of October through the first two weeks of December, 2020, the number of COVID-19 cases continue to dramatically increase in Washington, and COVID-19-related hospitalizations have risen sharply,

putting our people, our health system, and our economy in as dangerous a position as we faced in March 2020, and have not significantly improved since; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that the virus is spread through very small droplets called aerosols that are expelled from our mouths when we breathe, talk, sing, vocalize, cough, or sneeze, that these aerosols linger in air, and that a significant risk factor for spreading the virus is prolonged, close contact with an infected person indoors, especially in poorly ventilated spaces; and

WHEREAS, we know that several factors increase the risk for person-to-person COVID-19 transmission; such factors include (1) the more that people and groups interact, (2) the longer those interactions last, (3) the closer the contact between individuals, and (4) the denser the occupancy for indoor facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have provided health and safety guidance to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 generally and in specific sectors, environments, and settings, yet many individuals continue to disregard this guidance, and person-to-person interactions, including gatherings, have led to many infections and are a primary factor in the dangerous increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations currently being experienced in Washington; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the severe increases in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations we are currently facing, and to reduce the increase in deaths from COVID-19 that likely will follow, it is necessary to immediately modify prior prohibitions and guidance, and to issue further guidance as it is developed; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, 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, has broadly spread throughout Washington State and remains a significant health risk to all of our people, especially among our most vulnerable populations; 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 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 health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people; and

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 and order

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, to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), Proclamations 20-25, et seq., renamed "Stay Safe – Stay Healthy" are amended to extend all of the prohibitions described herein until this order is amended or rescinded. Except as otherwise provided in this order, the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found here, the *Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.1*, issued on July 24, 2020, found here, and all other provisions of Proclamations 20-25, et seq., shall remain in full force and effect.

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(3), the prohibitions set forth in Proclamations 20-25, et seq., continue to be modified, with amendments, as set forth below. Unless otherwise specifically noted, the modifications herein take effect immediately. All modifications to existing phased prohibitions set forth herein shall expire at 11:59 p.m., Monday, January 4, 2021, unless otherwise extended.

If an activity is not listed below, currently existing guidance shall continue to apply. If current guidance is more restrictive than the below listed restrictions, the most restrictive guidance shall apply. These below modifications do not apply to education (including but not limited to K-12, higher education, trade and vocational schools), childcare, recovery support groups, health care, and courts and judicial branch-related proceedings, all of which are exempt from the modifications and shall continue to follow current guidance. Terms used in this proclamation have the same definitions used in the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan.*

Modifications to existing phased prohibitions:

1. **Indoor Social Gatherings** with people from outside your household are prohibited unless they (a) quarantine for fourteen days (14) prior to the social gathering; or (b) quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering. A household is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile.
2. **Outdoor Social Gatherings** shall be limited to five (5) people from outside your household.
3. **Restaurants and Bars** are closed for indoor dine-in service. Outdoor dining and to-go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor dining must comply with the requirements of the Outdoor Dining Guidance here. Table size for outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of five (5) people. These modified restaurant and bar restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020.
4. **Fitness Facilities and Gyms** are closed for indoor operations. Outdoor fitness classes are permitted but are subject to and limited by the outdoor social gathering restriction listed above.
5. **Bowling Centers** are closed for indoor service.
6. **Miscellaneous Venues:** All retail activities and business meetings are prohibited. Only professional training and testing that cannot be performed remotely, as well as all court and judicial branch-related proceedings, are allowed. Occupancy in each meeting room is limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits or 100 people, whichever is fewer.

- Miscellaneous venues include: convention/conference centers, designated meeting spaces in a hotel, events centers, fairgrounds, sporting arenas, nonprofit establishment, or a substantially similar venue**.**

7. **Movie Theaters** are closed for indoor service. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.
8. **Museums/Zoos/Aquariums** are closed for indoor service.
9. **Real Estate:** Open houses are prohibited.
10. **Wedding and Funerals:** Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor singing during the ceremony is prohibited. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited. Singing during an outdoor ceremony is permitted, so long as participants wear face coverings and otherwise comply with the Weddings and Funerals Guidance.
11. **In-Store Retail** shall be limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, and common/congregate seating areas and indoor dining facilities such as food courts are closed.
12. **Religious Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, with a recommended maximum of 200 people. Congregation members/attendees must wear facial coverings at all times, and indoor congregation singing is prohibited. No choir, band, or ensemble shall perform during the service, and congregation singing indoors is prohibited. Vocal or instrumental soloist performances are permitted with an accompanist so long as the performer wears a face covering. In the event the soloist is performing on a woodwind or brass instrument, the soloist may remove their face covering only during the performance. Both a soloist and the congregation are permitted to sing during outdoor services, so long as all singers wear face coverings while singing. Religious and Faith-Based Organization Guidance can be found here.
13. **Professional Services** are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Any office that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
14. **Personal Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
    - Personal service providers include: cosmetologists, cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning salons, and tattoo artists.
15. **Long-term Care Facilities:** Outdoor visits are permitted. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted. These restrictions are also extended to the facilities in Proclamation 20-74, et seq. All other provisions of Proclamations 20-66, et seq., and 20-74, et seq., including all preliminary criteria to allow any visitors, remain in effect.
16. **Youth and Adult Sporting Activities**: Indoor activities and all contests and games are prohibited. Outdoor activities shall be limited to intra-team practices only, with facial coverings required for all coaches, volunteers and athletes at all times.
17. **Singing in Enclosed Spaces**: In all other circumstances not specifically addressed in this order, group singing, with or without face coverings, with members who are outside of a person's household is prohibited in enclosed, indoor spaces. Outdoor singing, while participants wear face coverings, is permitted, so long as the activity otherwise complies with guidance specific to that activity.

FURTHERMORE, in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Health, in furtherance of the physical, mental, and economic well-being of all Washingtonians, I will continue to analyze the data and epidemiological modeling and adjust guidance accordingly.

ADDITIONALLY, as a reminder, a travel advisory for all non-essential travel, issued on November 13, 2020, remains in effect. That advisory provides the following guidance: (1) Persons arriving in Washington from other states or countries, including returning Washington residents, should self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household; and (2) Washingtonians are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries.

ADDITIONALLY, in furtherance of these prohibitions and for general awareness:

1. *Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.1*, issued on July 24, 2020, is incorporated by reference, and may be amended as is necessary; and, all such amendments are also incorporated by reference.
2. Employers must comply with all conditions for operation required by the state Department of Labor & Industries, including interpretive guidance, regulations and rules such as WAC 296-800-14035, and Department of Labor & Industries-administered statutes.
3. Everyone is required to cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of cases, suspected cases, outbreaks, and suspected outbreaks of COVID-19 and with the implementation of infection control measures pursuant to State Board of Health rule in WAC 246-101-425.
4. All mandatory guidelines for businesses and activities, which remain in effect except as modified by this Proclamation and the *Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.1*, may be found at the Governor's Office website, *COVID-19 Resources and Information*, and at *COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Workers*.

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 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.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5). Further, if people fail to comply with the required social distancing and other protective measures while

engaging in this phased reopening, I may be forced to reinstate the prohibitions established in earlier proclamations.

Unless extended or amended, upon expiration or termination of this amendatory proclamation the provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., will continue to be in effect until the state of emergency, issued on February 29, 2020, pursuant to Proclamation 20-05, is rescinded.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 21st day of December, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State