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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING AND EXTENDING PROCLAMATION
20-05

20-60
Yakima County – Face Coverings

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 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-59, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by waiving and suspending specified laws; 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, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

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

WHEREAS, as of June 20, 2020, Yakima County had the highest rate of COVID-19 per capita in the western United States, with twenty-six percent positivity in COVID-19 tests the week of June 15, 2020, twenty-two percent of all hospitalizations statewide for COVID-19, nineteen percent occupancy hospital beds by COVID-19 patients (as compared to two and one half percent statewide), and approximately ten percent of all COVID-19 deaths statewide, while comprising three percent of Washington's population; and

WHEREAS, as of June 22, 2020, Yakima County reported 6,435 cases of COVID-19 infection and King County reported 9,366 cases of COVID-19 infection, while King County is nearly ninety percent larger than Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak has reached an alarming and critical juncture in Yakima County, and additional infection control measures must be immediately implemented by its residents and business owners and operators to avoid the likely outcome of tragic and significant additional loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that, in addition to its recommendation to maintain six feet of physical distance from non-household members and frequent hand washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot reliably maintain six feet of distance from others at all times, given the substantial increase in the numbers of cases of COVID-19 infection, these precautions must be mandatory; 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 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.

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 as otherwise amended, and that, to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I hereby impose the following necessary restrictions on participation by all people in Yakima County by prohibiting each of the following activities by all people and businesses throughout that county:

- No individual may appear in a public place without wearing a face covering, under the circumstances described in Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03;

- No business may operate, allow a customer to enter a business, or conduct business with a customer inside any building that is open to public or outdoors in a public place unless the customer is wearing a face covering, as described in Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03;
- No individual may enter a place of business, whether the business is operating indoors or outdoors, without first donning a face covering, unless the individual does so under circumstances expressly exempted from this requirement under Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03.

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

1. Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03, issued on June 24, 2020, found here, is incorporated by reference, 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.
3. The general public must cooperate with the implementation of infection control measures implemented by public health authorities pursuant to State Board of Health rule 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, 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.

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 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).

This order shall take effect on June 26, 2020, and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency, issued on February 29, 2020, pursuant to Proclamation 20-05, is rescinded, or until this order is amended or rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 24th day of June, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State