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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05

20-13
Statewide Limits: Food and Beverage Services, Areas of Congregation

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, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, and 20-12, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has been classified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease has and continues to spread quickly across the state of Washington, beyond the original community outbreaks in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties, drastically increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection in Washington totaled 162 in nine counties, including 21 deaths; and on March 13, confirmed cases increased to a total of 568 in 15 counties, including 37 deaths; and on March 15, confirmed cases further increased to 769 in 17 counties, including 42 deaths, with these 17 counties representing 85% of the State's total population;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, Washington State represents 2% of the nation's population and has 21% of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and 64% of COVID-19-related deaths, in the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention revised its guidance to reduce the size of gatherings from 250 persons to 50 persons;

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to immediately prohibit any number of people from congregating in public venues for purposes of public entertainment, recreation, food or beverage service, theater, bowling, and other similar activities, in order to limit opportunities for disease exposure and transmission in the State; 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 Department of Health (DOH) 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 DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH 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 is amended to prohibit any number of people from gathering in any public venue in which people congregate for purposes of public entertainment, recreation, food and beverage service, theater, bowling, fitness and other similar activities, to include all public venues in which the serving, provision, or consumption of prepared food or beverages occurs at a table, bar, or for consumption within.

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 DOH, 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.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the onsite consumption of food and/or beverages in a public venue, including but not limited to, the following venues, and which prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

1. Restaurants;
2. Food courts;
3. Bars;
4. Taverns;
5. Coffee shops;
6. Catered events;
7. Clubs;
8. Bowling alleys;
9. All other similar venues in which people congregate for the consumption of food or beverages.

For purposes of this Proclamation, “public venue” has its ordinary meaning and also includes, but is not limited to, social clubs, private clubs, tennis clubs, golf clubs, faith-based organizations/facilities, and other similar venues.

This Proclamation does not prohibit the sale of prepared food or beverages that are otherwise legally delivered or taken out of the venue for consumption or the purchasing of groceries that are not consumed within the premises, more commonly known as drive-through, take-out, and delivery services.

This Proclamation does not apply to a broad range of businesses and services, including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, gas stations, pet stores, and libraries; however, any sit-down food or beverage services within these facilities are prohibited.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the operation of public venues in which people congregate for entertainment, social or recreational purposes, including but not limited to theaters, bowling alleys, gyms, fitness centers, non-tribal card rooms, barbershops and hair/nail salons, tattoo parlors, pool halls, and other similar venues, which prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, for all other retail businesses except pharmacies and grocery stores, I hereby prohibit the operation of all retail stores unless they designate an employee or officer who must establish and implement social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Washington State Department of Health guidelines, which prohibition shall remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 16th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State