

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for Oct. 17

Stay up-to-date on City of Spokane and employee news with our weekly Employee Update.

Free COVID Tests

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home. Visit www.covid.gov/tests to get your tests. People without internet access can call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

Before you throw out “expired” tests check the [FDA's website](#) to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended.

When should you take a COVID-19 test

- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that people test if they have any COVID-19 like symptoms, including: a sore throat, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, or a fever.
- You should test at least five full days after your last exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, even if you are asymptomatic.
- You should consider testing before taking part in a large event, such as a concert or a conference.

Strike Update From Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente has reached a tentative agreement with the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions for a renewed National Agreement, bringing the nearly seven months of contract negotiations to a conclusion. The Coalition unions have withdrawn their notices for a November strike. [Click here](#) to read the Kaiser Permanente’s full statement.

2024 Insurance Rates

2024 medical rates for each Union, Association and Group have been release. There are no increases to the 2023 rates. [Click here](#) to view the rate sheets.

City Hall Post St. Entrance Construction

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 25, the City Hall First Floor entry doors on Post Street will be closed for cleaning, repairing, and refinishing of the wood trim, doors, surrounds and hardware.

The contractor will be covering the exterior wood surfaces to provide weather/temperature protection, allowing work to continue in the dropping temperatures and damp weather. The historic doors will be removed, and temporary doors will be installed to ensure the building

remains secured. The interior door area will also be tented to limit noise, dust, and smells while the work is being completed.

There will be no access through this entryway until the work is complete. It is anticipated that this will take approximately two weeks. The Spokane Falls Boulevard doors shall remain open and accessible during this time.

Once the work is completed on the Post Street doors, the Contractor will transition to the Spokane Falls Boulevard entry doors to complete the repair and refinishing of that entryway.

Please feel free to [reach out to the Facilities Department](#) with any questions.

CASE Seeking Artwork

CASE is a non-profit art team founded in 2021 with the mission of celebrating and showcasing the creative works of employees of the City of Spokane. If you would like to participate in the December art show contact spokanecase@gmail.com for a submission form.

Submit Your Artwork!!!


To The upcoming CASE Art Show

WHEN: DECEMBER 2023WHERE: CHASE GALLERY, SPOKANE CITY HALL
808 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD.

Back for a third year, the City Art Show and Exhibition (CASE) will be held in the Chase Gallery for the first time!

If you are a Spokane City employee with creative works of any medium that you'd like to share with your peers and community, contact us for a submission form today!

Contact: spokanecase@gmail.com Website: www.spokanecase.com



City Art Show and Exhibition

Employee Information Portal (covid19.spokanecity.org/)

Remember, this Employee Information Portal is a great resource for employees to stay current on what's happening with the COVID-19 response. The [Employee Information Portal](#) can be accessed from work or home, using a computer or mobile device. All of the emailed information we have sent to employees is archived here.