

The City of Spokane

Weekly News Update for Oct. 3

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S.A.F.E. Fall Festival

The Spokane Alliance for Fentanyl Education (S.A.F.E.) is proud to host a powerful and impactful event aimed at raising awareness about the pressing issue of fentanyl and its devastating consequences in our community. The [Fall Festival](#) is set to take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Spokane Pavilion.

The Fall Festival will feature an exceptional lineup of artists including superstar. Maren Morris and Spokane-based singer-songwriter Sammy Eubanks are lending their voices to this vital cause. Attendees can expect an evening filled with family friendly music, yard games, and the opportunity to learn about all of Spokane's resources related to addiction, prevention, treatment, recovery and support.



Tickets for the S.A.F.E. Fall Festival cost \$25. Each ticket holder will receive a \$10 food voucher. Tickets are available for purchase at spokanepavilion.com. The proceeds will go towards funding the foundation's initiatives, including educational programs, outreach efforts to end the tragic stories in our community.

Indigenous Peoples Day

On-street parking meters and kiosks will not require payments on Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, Oct. 9, but remember even when parking is free on holidays, all parking rules, including **time limits, still apply.**

City of Spokane offices are open as usual and Solid Waste Services will proceed on a normal schedule. For more information visit our [website](#).

Free Flu Shots and COVID Immunizations

Whether you have Premera Blue Cross medical insurance or Kaiser Permanente medical insurance through the City of Spokane, each plan will cover enrolled employees and dependents for flu shots and COVID Immunizations at no cost. Be sure to use a participating provider or participating pharmacy to receive this care. If you have questions about either, please contact [Premera Blue Cross](#) Customer Service at 1-800-722-1471 or [Kaiser Permanente](#) Customer Service at 1-888-901-4636.

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.

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.