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## The City of Spokane **COVID-19 News Update for March 22**

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*Information about Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) is evolving rapidly. We want to make sure our City employees have up-to-date information. We will provide this update, as needed, to communicate what you need to know, while we work to reduce the spread of this disease in our community and continue to provide critical public services.*

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### **Child Care Applications due Monday at noon!**

Thanks to all who have already filled out the application for child care. Again, we are working to provide care for the children of non-public safety employees who would like to use a City child care option. Applications are due no later than noon on Monday, March 23. Completed applications should be sent directly to Human Resources at [erahrec@spokanecity.org](mailto:erahrec@spokanecity.org). The application form is attached and available on the [Employee Information Portal](#).

We expect to be able to offer some child care in City Hall, likely starting on March 30, with staffing by the YMCA. This is for kids ages 5 to 12. The staff to child ratio will be 1 to 10. Each group of 10 kids will be separated from other groups of kids.

This option is for non-public safety employees only. Public schools have been charged with providing child care for public safety personnel. At this time, we will have limited available openings for care. Openings will be allotted based on essential organizational needs. We will try to accommodate as many people as we can, based on available staffing from the Y and space.

### **Stay Current on What's Happening in the Region**

A regional Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) has been established as our community works to respond to COVID-19 and the social distancing measures that have been established. You can stay current on regional actions by following the regional COVID-19 response pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). The City is also sharing information on its own social media sites as well.

### **Reading Program through Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library launched a Spring Online Reading Program on Friday to help keep minds growing amid the COVID-19 outbreak. Sign up for the program at [spl.northwestreads.org](http://spl.northwestreads.org) to track time spent reading, earn points and badges, and complete challenges. Participants of all ages can access a variety of online resources to stream at [spokanelibrary.org/download](http://spokanelibrary.org/download). An extended list of educational resources for adults and students is available [here](#).

### **Employee Information Portal (<https://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.

