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The City of Spokane

COVID-19 News Update for March 24

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.

“Stay Home, Stay Healthy” & City Operations

The City of Spokane today reassured citizens that it will continue to provide critical public services under the new “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order issued by Gov. Jay Inslee yesterday. Public safety response, delivery of clean drinking water, wastewater treatment, management of the street system, and curbside pickup of garbage will continue as usual. The City’s parks, open spaces, and trails remain accessible for mental and physical health, while practicing social distancing and following CDC guidelines.

Meanwhile, other services will change in response to the order. For example, sports fields, picnic shelters, skate parks, and basketball courts are now closed to all multi-person activities. Gatherings in public parks also are prohibited. City golf courses will close at the end of the day on Wednesday. Neighborhood cleanups programs have been cancelled at this time. The City still is evaluating other possible changes.

“Stay Home, Stay Healthy” & City Employees

The Human Resources Department has put together an informative Frequently Asked Questions document to help employees understand the governor’s order. [The FAQs are attached](#). We will update this document in the coming days as we learn more. Additionally, many of our City workers are considered “essential” under the order. [Please see the list](#).

Child Care Support

Very few employees ultimately requested child care assistance from the City. As a result, the City will not be creating a child care option in City Hall. Individual employees who filled out applications for child care have been contacted and provided resources to connect with child care in our community.

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.