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The City of Spokane

COVID-19 News Update for April 29

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.

Employee Survey Results

Some 325 employees completed our survey designed to assess people's feelings and concerns about the response to the COVID-19 emergency and what's happening at the City. Thank you!

Here are some observations:

- Our employees generally feel that the information they are getting from the City is appropriate, as are the state and regional responses to managing the spread of the virus.
- While they are split on when reopening the economy should begin, our employees think that the Spokane area should have the option to open on a different time frame than other parts of the state.
- They are concerned about contracting the virus, but they are also concerned about their family financial circumstances.
- As for their City employment, employees overwhelmingly are most concerned about anticipated budget reductions as a result of lower revenues.

[See the full results.](#)

Plans to reopen City Golf Courses

Our City Parks & Recreation Department is preparing to reopen City Golf Courses—along with Spokane County Golf Courses—based on new guidance from the Governor earlier this week. Final information will be shared soon, but we know that play will be limited to parties of two and tee times are being accepted now for play starting on Tuesday, May 5. [See the information shared by Parks Director Garrett Jones.](#)

“Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Status

As we've seen over the last week, the Governor today again announced some changes related to the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. Today, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that the order will remain in place past May 4. He announced that more details on the extension and the reopening of the economy will be provided on Friday. He said the decision to extend the order was made by following a review of science and data.

Additionally, the Governor [clarified guidance on elective and non-emergent medical procedures](#), allowing more procedures to move ahead. And yesterday, the state's health officials suggested that some regions with lower numbers of COVID-19 cases may be able to [open on a different schedule than the rest of the state](#).

Alternative Assessment Site to Remain Open

The [drive-through Community COVID-19 Screening Site, at Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, will remain open for COVID-19 screening and testing](#) beyond its previously scheduled April 30 closing date. Washington National Guard are providing staff support to maintain clinic operations. After a short closure, operations will resume Monday, May 4, and business hours will be Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on weekends.

In addition, select CHAS, Providence, MultiCare (Rockwood & Indigo), Unify, Native Project, Kaiser Permanente and Franklin Park Urgent Care clinics will offer COVID-19 screening and testing throughout Spokane County starting Friday, May 1. Having a variety of COVID-19 screening and testing locations will provide individuals more convenient access to these services throughout the county.

Latest Articles to Assist Our Employees

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

- [Adjusting to Having Your Kids at Home During Covid-19](#)
Schools and many child care providers are closed for an extended time. So, what should you do while you and the kids are at home? How do you deal with cabin fever and loss of learning while kids are out of school?
- [Ways to fight coronavirus transmission at home](#)
You can reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, and sinks. Washing with soap and water removes the dirt and lowers the number of germs on surfaces. Once surfaces are clean, apply disinfectant to remove any bacteria left on surfaces.

To access more topics related to COVID-19 visit: www.EAPHelpLink.com, using company code: **CITSPO**

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.