

From: [Mayor](#)
To: [Mayor](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Update: Survey on Extended School Closure
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 6:16:16 PM



Nadine Woodward

The City of Spokane COVID-19 News Update for April 7

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.

Survey on Extended School Closure

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal announced yesterday that they are extending the [closure of on-site instruction at K-12 public & private schools](#) through the end the **school year in June**. Schools will include distance learning through the end of the school year. Schools will continue to provide meals to students who need them throughout the spring.

Human Resources is trying to understand how the school closure extension will impact our employees and explore what options might assist those employees with school-aged children. [Employees with school-aged children are asked to fill out this survey](#) to provide an initial look. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

Join the Community Conversation

The Spokane region is holding a **Telephone Town Hall about COVID-19** on Wednesday, April 8, at 6 p.m. Officials, including Mayor Nadine Woodward, Dr. Bob Lutz of the Spokane Regional Health District, Spokane County Commission Chair Al French, Spokane Valley Mayor Ben Wick, and state Senator Andy Billig will be on hand to talk about the regional response to the pandemic.

You can join in the conversation by calling 888.886.6603. You also can tune in on CityCable 5 (channels 5 and 325 on the Comcast system in Spokane) or stream it live on the [City's web site](#) or the [Spokane Regional COVID Response Facebook page](#).



“Jabber” phones

Some of our telecommuting employees are using Cisco Jabber phones. IT has developed a [new user guide](#)

that's available here for those using that technology. This fact also is available through the Employee Information Portal.

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.