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## The City of Spokane

# COVID-19 News Update for June 23

*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.*

### **Governor Makes Masks Mandatory as Cases Rise**

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee today announced that cloth face coverings will be mandatory when people are in public throughout the state, including in Spokane County, starting on Friday, June 26. The statewide public health order, officially released by Washington State Health Secretary John Wiesman, also requires businesses to mandate masks in their premises for employees and customers.

The order includes everyone over 5 years old, with an exception for the deaf or hard of hearing while communicating with someone else. Children 3 to 5 years old are recommended but not required to wear face coverings and those 2 and under are exempt. People involved in outdoor recreation alone or with members of their households can remove masks. People seated at restaurants don't have to wear masks but should observe social distancing rules.

The new face covering order comes as Spokane today recorded its single largest day of new cases as did Snohomish County. Yakima County, meanwhile, has continued to see a steady rise of cases—recording more than six times the number of cases Spokane has seen since the pandemic began even though its population is half of ours.

Public officials have said that the key to continuing with reopening plans hinge on wearing masks and following other health guidance, like physical distancing and washing hands, to be successful.

### **Community Court to Resume in City Hall on June 30**

Spokane Community Court, a program of Spokane Municipal Court, is scheduled to convene next week for the first time since the court went on hiatus in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Court will be held on Monday, June 29, at the Northeast Community Center and on Tuesday, June 30, at City Hall. Community Court seeks to reduce and properly address quality of life offenses by utilizing a collaborative, problem-solving approach to crime.

Because of restrictions under Phase 2 of the Safe Start Washington Plan, attendees are limited to people with a scheduled appearance with the court as well as court staff and legal representation. Social service providers will not be offering services to the public at this time. City Hall remains closed to visitors from the

public; court participants will enter City Hall through the sliding door entrance on Post Street.

The Court will adhere to safety protocols consistent with state guidelines. All participants will be required to wear masks and temperature tests will be taken prior to entry into the court. Council Chambers and adjacent areas on the first floor and lower level will be cleaned after court.

### **STA to Resume Fare Collection and Front Door Boarding July 1**

Spokane Transit Authority (STA) has returned to full service levels and will [resume fare collection and front-door boarding](#) on Wednesday, July 1. Remember, City employees have access to free bus STA bus passes. Increased disinfectant protocols, PPE, and other safety practices remain in effect on STA buses. [Where would you like to go?](#)

### **Food Trucks at Manito & Riverfront Park**

Food trucks will be at Manito Park and Riverfront Park June 26 – 28! Stop by to enjoy a delicious variety.

#### Manito Park:

- Friday, June 26: [Christ Kitchen](#), [Curbside Carabiner Coffee](#), [Kona Ice of Spokane](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27: [Increditruck](#), [Curbside Carabiner Coffee](#), [Kona Ice of Spokane](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28: [Curbside Carabiner Coffee](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### Riverfront Park:

- Friday, June 26: [Kona Ice of Spokane](#), Big Rod's Texas BBQ, [Have Beans Will Travel Mobile Espresso](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27: [Kona Ice of Spokane](#), [Mangia Catering Company](#), [Have Beans Will Travel Mobile Espresso](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28: [Kona Ice of Spokane](#), [Mangia Catering Company](#), [Have Beans Will Travel Mobile Espresso](#); 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Presented by: [Greater Spokane Food Trucks](#) & [Spokane Parks and Recreation](#)

### **Summer Meal Program for K-12 Students**

Families that qualify for free & reduced-price meals are now eligible for a [Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) card](#), a resource to help buy groceries while school is closed.

- Students can still participate in the school meal program when their families receive this one-time benefit. [Information on that program is here.](#)
- If you haven't yet, apply for the free & reduced-price meal program by June 30, 2020, to be able to access the P-EBT benefit.

### **More Information to Assist Our Employees**

*Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:*

- [Helping a Depressed Person: Taking Care of Yourself While Supporting a Loved One](#)  
When someone you love has depression, your support and encouragement can play an essential role in their recovery. However, depression can also wear you down if you neglect your own needs. These guidelines can help you support a depressed person while maintaining your emotional equilibrium.
- [Depression and Women: Coexisting Illnesses and Affect by Demographic](#)  
Everyone occasionally feels blue or sad, but these feelings usually pass within a few days. When a

woman has a depressive disorder, it interferes with daily life and normal functioning.

To access more topics related to COVID-19 visit: [EAPHelpLink.com](https://EAPHelpLink.com), using company code: **CITSPO**

**Employee Information Portal** ([covid19.spokanecity.org/](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.