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The City of Spokane COVID-19 News Update for June 9

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.

Updated Guidance on Masks

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries [released requirements regarding employee face coverings](#), or masks (attached) that went into effect on Monday.

One of the biggest changes is that employees will now be required to wear at least a cloth face mask at all times except when working alone in room, vehicle, or on jobsite, unless there is some other feasible measure (such as a partition between cubicles, sneeze guard, or other physical barrier) in place to prevent the spreading of the virus.

Even if 6 feet of social distancing can be achieved, face coverings are now required. Social distancing, frequent handwashing, and other preventive measures are also part of the guidance. The Safety and HR teams will work with departments to make this work functionally in City facilities, including City Hall.

Cleaning in City Hall

This week, Asset Management has arranged to have City Hall cleaned. Crews will be cleaning carpets, stairwells, dusting, and more. This cleaning will help get the building ready for more staff to return when we move into Phase 3 and are once again able to welcome visitors from the public into City Hall.

Blood Donations Needed

Our community needs blood donations, and Vitalant is asking people to help end the critical blood shortage in the Inland Northwest and get tested for COVID-19 antibodies in the process. Schedule now: bit.ly/VitalantWAID

Double Up at a Critical Time: Your blood donation can now deliver DOUBLE the good as Vitalant now is testing donations for COVID-19 antibodies! Learn more: vitalant.org/antibodytest

Testing Site Update

Tuesday was the last day of operation for the COVID-19 Community Screening Site at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. Testing is a key component to Governor Jay Inslee's [Safe Start Washington Recovery Plan](#) to safely reopen businesses is to increase testing of anyone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and notify close contacts of those who test positive for the disease.

If you are concerned that you have or have been exposed to COVID-19 and would like to be screened

and/or tested, please visit [the COVID-19 Screening Locations page](#) for information about countywide screening options at select CHAS, Providence, MultiCare (Rockwood and Indigo), Unify, Native Project, Kaiser Permanente and Franklin Park Urgent Care clinics.

More Information to Assist Our Employees

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

- [COVID-19: Volunteer from Home](#)
In most parts of the world, stay-at-home orders are being lifted, and businesses are reopening. However, there is no sign that social-distancing guidelines are going away soon. Many organizations offer ways for people to volunteer without having to set foot outside their homes.
- [Dealing With Anger in a Marriage](#)
One of the most challenging skills that partners must develop in a marriage is how to cope with anger. Any time two people live together, there are bound to be episodes of anger. Anger is a perfectly normal emotion.

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

Employee Information Portal (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.