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The City of Spokane

## COVID-19 News Update for Aug. 11

*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.*

### **A Message from Mayor Woodward**

A summer that has been anything but typical is rapidly drawing toward a close. With each week, we are learning and experiencing new things and making decisions that were unimagined just a few months ago. The gravity and duration of some of those decisions, in many cases, is beginning to weigh heavily on our community. The angst and anger you are feeling is real and know that we are feeling it too.

Your efforts are generating a return, however. We are seeing some encouraging news that case counts appear to be leveling off. We still have a ways to go to get to levels that meet state mandates for ending the indefinite pause on reopening our economy, but it is a good start. We have to keep it up.

Work to limit trips and wear masks in public places; give each other a little extra space; continue the disciplined cough, hand, and illness etiquette; and put the health and safety of others first is paying off. We have to keep going.

The quicker case counts drop and stay low, the sooner the public health experts can safely recommend taking the next steps toward reopening our economy and schools to in-person learning. We have to keep pushing.

August is usually the time of year we look forward to end-of-summer vacations and celebrations with friends and loved ones. Those things are still possible this year – just in moderation by limiting the number of people outside your household that you gather with every week. We have to stay committed.

The sacrifices you are making for your community will help us achieve what we all want: consistent, steady, safe progress toward reopening our schools and our economy. It is up to us. We have to stay disciplined.

### **#CityHallSelfie Day**

Let's have a little fun! #CityHallSelfie (and #CityHome Selfie) Day is Friday!

The day is a worldwide celebration of local government service! Snap a photo of yourself in front of City

Hall or your City facility in the community, or take a photo showcasing your local government pride at home! Send the photo to Jessica Fisher at [jfisher@spokanecity.org](mailto:jfisher@spokanecity.org), and she will share your photo on the City of Spokane’s social media accounts.

### Doing work around your house? You might qualify for a Water Bill credit!

Purchasing a new toilet, showerhead, irrigation controller or sprinkler nozzles? New City of Spokane Water conservation rebates will help you save money now on your purchase—and even more in the long run thanks to lower utility bills! Did someone say “win-win”?

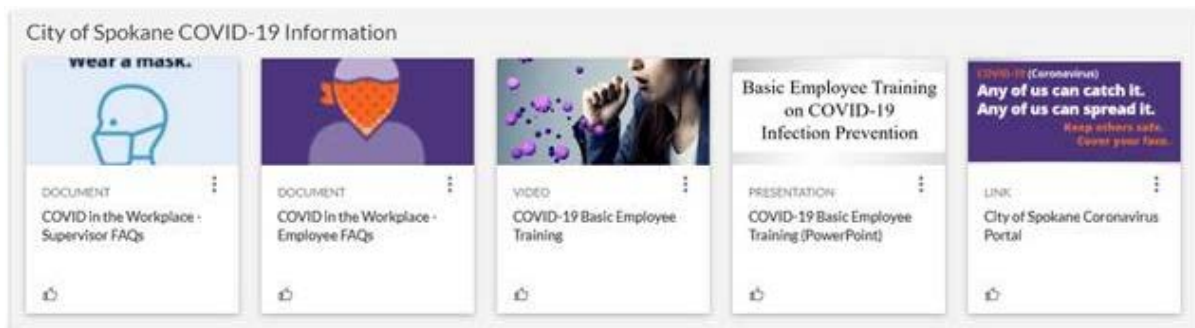
The rebates are part of the City’s new Water Conservation Master Plan, which was approved by City Council in late July. Learn more [bit.ly/33H9xVg](https://bit.ly/33H9xVg)

### City Employee COVID-19 Training

Employee education on COVID-19 is essential to preventing the spread of the illness and keeping employees safe. In addition to the **Coronavirus Help and Information** portal, the [Covid-19 Basic Employee Training](#) video is now also available on SharePoint:



Also available is our featured City of Spokane COVID-19 channel in our Skillsoft Percipio platform. Here, employees can access training, policy and FAQs related to COVID-19 in the workplace:



New to e-Learning? Login at <https://spokanecity.percipio.com/login.html#/> or contact your Skillsoft Administrator at [erahrsa@spokanecity.org](mailto:erahrsa@spokanecity.org) for assistance.

### More Information to Assist Our Employees

Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:

- [How can I help my child cope with mental illness?](#)  
Your child needs your support now more than ever. Before they diagnose a child with a mental health condition, parents and children commonly experience feelings of helplessness, anger, and frustration. Ask your child’s mental health provider for advice on how to change the way you interact with your child and how to handle challenging behavior.

- [Positive Parenting Tips](#)

As children grow into early childhood, their world will open up. They will become more independent and focus more on adults and children outside of the family. They will want to explore and ask about their surroundings even more.

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.