

Yakima Police Department



<u>News Release</u>

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YPD Customer Service Window Closing - No New CPL Applications Accepted

In light of new restrictions on activities being instituted by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee because of a recent spike in COVID-19 cases statewide, the Yakima Police Department (YPD) customer service window will be closed effective Monday, November 16th until further notice.

As a result of the customer service window closure, no new concealed pistol license (CPL) applications will be accepted until further notice.

After closing in the spring due to the COVID-19 emergency, the YPD customer service window reopened in September. The YPD also stopped accepting new CPL applications earlier this year because of the pandemic, but allowed them to be submitted again in September.

"Closure of the YPD customer service window and discontinuing processing of new CPL applications is necessary in order for the department to meet the restrictions that have been imposed by the governor and to keep the public and YPD staff as safe as possible," said Yakima Police Chief Matt Murray.

Most City of Yakima facilities remain closed to public access. The status of City facilities that have been reopened recently to limited public access, such as the Harman Senior Center and Lions Pool, is being reevaluated because of the proclamation issued by Governor Inslee on Saturday.

"The City will be making any necessary announcements about public access to City facilities soon, likely on Monday," said Communications and Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler.

Most of the restrictions in the governor's latest COVID-19-related proclamation take effect at 11:59 pm on Monday, November 16th. New restrictions on restaurant operations take effect at 12:01 am on Wednesday, November 18th. The proclamation will remain in effect for four weeks.

Governor Inslee's proclamation, along with the list of new restrictions and guidance regarding their implementation, can be found by clicking on the following link - <u>https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-statewide-restrictions-four-weeks</u>.