



Yakima Health District

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Yakima Health District Issues Stay at Home Order for Yakima County Residents

YAKIMA, WA - On Sunday evening, Dr. Teresa Everson, Health Officer of the Yakima Health District issued a Stay at Home Order for all Yakima County residents. The Stay at Home Order states that **residents of Yakima County must remain at their place of residence**, except as needed for essential travel such as for food, medications and medical care and for jobs that maintain continuity of operations of critical infrastructure sectors. The order will go into effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

“As the novel coronavirus continues to spread in our community and statewide, it is critical that all residents follow the order to stay home except when necessary.” said Dr. Everson. “Limiting interpersonal interactions is a proven strategy to slow the spread of the virus and protect the most vulnerable members of our community. This order has been implemented in recognition that if we don’t take drastic action now, there will be a day in which our healthcare system is overwhelmed and we will not be able to provide critical medical care to the most vulnerable in our community. ”

Essential services will remain open. Essential services include:

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food (grocery stores, convenience stores, food banks, take-out and delivery restaurants)
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services
- Essential state and local government functions (law enforcement, utilities and other offices that provide government programs and services)

For organizations that must remain open to provide essential services, every effort should be made to have employees work from home. If working from home is not an option, employers must ensure:

- Proper social distancing (at least 6 feet between individuals)
- Frequent sanitization of common areas
- Frequent handwashing opportunities for employees
- All sick employees, for any reason, stay at home to slow the spread of disease

Additional information regarding essential services and jobs is forthcoming. To report business non-compliance, call the Yakima Health District at **509-249-6508**.



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Additional Information

What can I do? What's open?

Get exercise, while maintaining efficient social distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals.

- Go for a walk
- Go for a hike
- Ride bicycles

Essential services will remain open, such as:

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food: Grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores, restaurants for take-out and delivery only
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services
- Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

What's closed?

- Dine-in at restaurants
- Bars and nightclubs
- Entertainment venues
- Gyms, fitness studios, recreational facilities
- Public events and gatherings
- Convention Centers
- Hair and nail salons

What kinds of jobs are considered part of the "critical infrastructure sector"?

- Healthcare, public health
- Emergency services (law enforcement, fire department, public safety, public works)
- Agriculture/food
- Energy (electricity, natural gas)
- Water and Wastewater
- Transportation and shipping
- Communications/IT
- Government and community operations (includes childcare for children of critical function employees, other services that support availability of critical function employees)
- Manufacturing that supports critical functions
- Financial services and legal services
- Hazardous material management, chemical manufacturing and management



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Case Count Updates

As of this afternoon the Yakima County has **24** confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as **8** presumptive positive cases of COVID-19.

Age Range	Case Count (Confirmed and Presumptive Positive)
0-19	1
20-29	6
30-39	6
40-49	3
50-59	3
60-69	8
70-79	3
80-89	2
Total	32

Current Status	Case Count (Confirmed and Presumptive Positive)
At Home, Recovering	32
Hospitalized	0
Total	32

Gender	Case Count (Confirmed and Presumptive Positive)
Female	18
Male	14
Total	32

The Washington Department of Health has established a teleconference line for the public with questions regarding COVID-19. This number is 1 (800) 525-0127, phone lines are staffed from 6am-10pm. Interpreter services are available in multiple languages.

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