State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Washington

Statewide Mask Order: Yes.

A state public health order that took effect June 26 requires mask use in indoor public settings and outdoors when 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained, for people age 5 and older. Gov. Jay Inslee’s mask directives also mandate that businesses require employees to wear face coverings and deny entry to unmasked customers.

Statewide Travel Restriction: No.

Current Executive Order Status: Safe Start – Stay Healthy

Washington state is currently operating under a Safe Start – Stay Healthy proclamation expiring on July 1st and allowing individual counties to enter Phase 1 or 2 based on individual county cases.

Gov. Inslee has outlined a phased approach to reopening that already allows for some limited construction activity; Phase II of that plan — which has no specific timetable attached to it — would allow for the reopening of any manufacturing in the state that is currently closed due to the stay at home order.

Washington first entered into a stay at home order on March 23, which incorporates the federal CISA guidance for essential manufacturing businesses. The state issued a critical infrastructure clarifications, found below.

Businesses seeking clarification as to whether their business qualifies as essential under this guidance can email business@mil.wa.gov. There is also a form which businesses can fill out here to “register” as essential.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Washington Safe Start – Stay Healthy Proclamation – [Click Here]
- Washington March 23 Stay at Home Order (Expired) - [Click Here]
- Washington State Phased Reopening Approach — [Click Here]
- Washington Phase I Construction Restart — [Learn More]
- Washington March 23 Critical Infrastructure List – [Click Here]
- Washington April 2 Stay at Home Order Extension – [Click Here]
- Washington Essential Business Clarification Form – [Click Here]
- Association of Washington Business COVID-19 Resources Page - [Click Here]

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