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Inslee extends 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' through May 4

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Gov. Jay Inslee announced a month-long extension of his ["Stay Home, Stay Healthy"](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/20-25.1%20-%20COVID-19%20-%20Stay%20Home%2C%20Stay%20Healthy%20Extension%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) emergency order Thursday evening. The order, which banned all gatherings and temporarily shuttered non-essential businesses, will continue through May 4.

"Epidemiological modeling from the University of Washington predicts we will have at least 1,400 deaths this year," Inslee said. "We are yet to see the full toll of this virus in our state and the modeling we’ve seen could be much worse if we don’t continue what we’re doing to slow the spread."

Public gatherings remain banned and non-essential businesses may reopen May 5. If gatherings are held in violation of the order, individuals are [encouraged to notify](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/09349a1c56844b539fea1c2cabd16d56?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) their local police department. Do not call 911.

The state Department of Commerce is providing [guidance and assistance to businesses](https://coronavirus.wa.gov/whats-open-and-closed?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) on whether they can be considered essential and other resources they may access to help during this time. Residents or workers concerned about non-essential businesses remaining open may [file complaints at this link.](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/09349a1c56844b539fea1c2cabd16d56?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

"We have taken dozens of steps under my emergency powers to help people in this time – including moratoriums on evictions, mortgage forbearance, utility ratepayer assistance, unemployment extensions, flexibility on tax payments and cash assistance to families," Inslee said. "We will do more."

Part of that effort is the sacrifice of business owners who had to shut down and of their workers who struggle to pay bills, Inslee said, and it is important for us to work toward coming out of this statewide shutdown. For example, the administration is engaging in productive conversations with industries to devise a safe way for them to get back to work when we can lift that part of the order.

More information on resources available to Washingtonians impacted financially by the COVID-19 outbreak can be found [by clicking here](https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-relief-for-businesses-workers-renters-and-more-in-response-to-covid-19-outbreak-c09c13a02690?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) and by visiting [coronavirus.wa.gov](https://coronavirus.wa.gov/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).

In addition to the extension of "Stay Home, Stay Healthy," the governor signed a [directive](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/20-03%20-%20PPE%20Purchasing%20%28final%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery) to the Department of Enterprise Services and the Emergency Management Division to secure personal protective equipment as expeditiously as possible.

Also Thursday, Inslee announced a delay in the implementation of new state building codes from July 1 to Nov. 1 to provide adequate time for training and outreach that was interrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak. These codes relate to construction and occupancy of residential and commercial structures throughout the state. [Read that proclamation here.](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/20-40%20-%20COVID-19%20Building%20Code%20Implementation%20Date%20%28tmp%29.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Read all of the governor's [recent proclamations here.](https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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