State COVID-19 Resources

Project Resources

2018 Codes
To date we know the state has discussed delaying the 2018 code implementation beyond the current July 2020 effective date, but no decisions have been made. The State Building Code Council has indicated that it will discuss a potential delay of the 2018 state codes its April 10 meeting. We will let you know as soon as we hear more.

Construction Impacts
To date, Gov. Inslee has not issued a “shelter in place” order for Washington, although that may be coming. California and New York have made “shelter in place” declarations. It is not known how this will impact currently active construction projects. We will let you know as soon as we have more info to share.

What do you need to know?
What other information do you need to do your work as we all try to find our way through this unprecedented crisis? Let us know and we’ll do our best to help.

Other Resources

Businesses & Worker Support

Unemployment
The state has waived the one week waiting period to receive unemployment insurance, retroactive for claims filed up to March 8. For individuals out of work due to COVID-19, click here for more information.

Small Business Support
Up to $5 million of the Governor’s Strategic Reserve Funds will be made available as small grants to small businesses across the state to help prevent closure due to COVID-19. The state Department of Commerce will coordinate an application process.

The governor previously announced the federal Small Business Administration has approved his request for a disaster declaration, and it is anticipated that all counties in the state will be eligible. This approval unlocks low-interest loans that will help small businesses meet their financial obligations and cover operating expenses. Congress recently approved up to $7
billion in SBA disaster loans for businesses impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses can learn more here.

**Tax Collections**
The Washington State Department of Revenue has been given the authority to waive or suspend penalties and interest on certain late tax payments. The state will create payment plans on the core amount businesses owe without filing tax liens in federal courts. This also means the suspension of enforcement actions such as forced collections by seizing bank accounts. These measures will be in force for at least 30 days.

These measures waive late filing fees for property tax exemption renewals; business license renewal late fees; and excise tax interest on B&O, real estate sales, and other taxes administer by the Department of Revenue. All of these tax-related measures are retroactive to Feb. 29.

**Other Help for Individuals & Families**

**COVID-19 Testing**
Washington State Department of Health information on getting tested for COVID-19.

**Health Insurance**
For Washingtonians without health insurance: the Washington Health Benefits Exchange opened a limited-time special enrollment period through April 8, 2020.

**Mental health support**
If you or a family member needs emotional or mental health support, or treatment resources for substance use, please consider calling the Washington Recovery Help Line at 1–866–789–1511.

Do you have info that should be on this list? Send it our way!

Be well,

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