



STAY AT HOME ORDER YAKIMA COUNTY WASHINGTON

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020 Yakima County proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in Yakima County as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS in a short period of time COVID-19 has rapidly spread throughout Yakima County, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS for the preservation of public health and safety throughout Yakima County, I find it necessary for all Yakima County residents to heed the public health directives from the Yakima Health District.

I, Dr. Teresa Everson, Health Officer for the Yakima Health District, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Yakima County Board of Health and health statutes of the State of Washington under Revised Code of Washington section 70.05.070, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1) To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and prioritizing those at the highest risk of severe infection, and effective immediately, all residents of Yakima County stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of critical infrastructure essential workforce, [consistent with the designation made by Governor Inslee](#), includes but is not limited to:

- 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

In addition, in consultation with Yakima Health District leadership and the Yakima County Board of Health, I may designate additional sectors whose destabilization would have a debilitating effect on security, economic stability, public health or safety, or a combination thereof. I order that Yakima County residents working critical infrastructure sectors may continue their work because of the importance of these sectors to Yakima residents' health and well-being.

This order is being issued to protect the health of all Yakima County residents. The Yakima Health District is working to disrupt the spread of the virus, and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 including illness, hospitalizations and deaths.

The supply chain must continue, and Yakima County residents must have access to such necessities as food, prescriptions, and health care. When people need to leave their homes, or places of residence, whether to obtain or perform the functions above, or to otherwise facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet from other people). This includes when out for necessary activities such as healthcare visits or trips to the grocery store, pharmacy, or bank.

The Yakima Health District encourages residents to continue to get regular physical activity, such as walking, running, hiking or biking, to stay as healthy as possible, but stresses the importance of maintaining appropriate social distancing during *all* approved activities.

2)The healthcare delivery system shall prioritize services serving those who are the sickest and shall prioritize resources, including personal protective equipment, for the providers providing direct care to them.

3)The Office of Emergency Services is directed to take necessary steps to ensure compliance with this order.

4)This order shall be enforceable pursuant to local law

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as possible, the Order be filed at the Yakima Health District and that widespread publicity and notice be given to this Order.

This order is not intended to, and does not create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the Yakima health District, its departments, entities, employees, or any other person.



Teresa Everson, MD, MPH
Health Officer, Yakima Health District
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