

May 5, 2020 Update

Please visit www.cityofmlt.com/2060 for city information and resources on the COVID-19 public health emergency. Snohomish Health District is the lead agency on this pandemic and their website is <https://www.snohd.org/>.

What's New?

- [Governor's Proclamation 20-28](#) (issued March 24, 2020) **was extended from May 4, 2020 to May 31, 2020.** This Proclamation temporarily prohibits in-person contacts with the public that are required by the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) (RCW 42.30) and the Public Records Act (PRA) (RCW 42.56), suspending some statutory language that would require such contacts. This proclamation also temporarily suspends the PRA's requirements for agencies to respond to PRA requests for public records within five business days from receipt, and to maintain business hours for public inspection and copying of records for a minimum of 30 hours per week. **Therefore, the May 11 Planning Commission and May 18 City Council meetings will be held remotely and the public can attend online or listen on the telephone.** Meeting information will be posted at www.cityofmlt.com/129. The city has made provisions for accepting written public comment since in-person attendance at City Council and Planning Commission meetings is not currently allowed.
- **Washington's Phased Approach:** In a recent press conference, Governor Inslee announced a four-phase approach to reopening businesses and modifying physical distancing measures. Details on the plan can be found [here](#). A summary of the announcement can be found [here](#). Phase 1 begins May 5 with some modifications to the prior order including reopening of the city's boat launch and fishing pier so long as physical distancing measures are followed. Additionally, the Nile Golf Course in Mountlake Terrace has reopened and more restaurants are reopening for take out or curbside pick up each day. Check [this list](#) of Mountlake Terrace restaurants compiled by MLTNews.com.

- The city recognizes there is uncertainty at this time and realizes that some utility customers may be worried about paying their water bill. Therefore, in line with Governor Inslee's request of March 18 and his extension, **the City of Mountlake Terrace will postpone shut offs of water service to customers for nonpayment through May 31.** This action may be extended in the future, and no late fees or penalties will apply during this time. We encourage customers to continue to make their utility payments or to call Utility Billing at (425) 744-6214 to make payment arrangements if they are unable to pay at this time.
- **Snohomish County Economic Task Force Launches Online Business Needs Assessment Survey:** The online Business Needs Assessment Survey is an opportunity to share how businesses have been affected by COVID-19. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Answers to the survey will be compiled into a final report that the Snohomish County Economic Task Force will review as they make policy decisions. Please share the survey with businesses.
- **Meeting and Event Cancellations:** The following meetings and events have been postponed or cancelled due to the current public health emergency. Future meetings will be determined at a later date.
 - May 12 Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission meeting is cancelled
 - May 13 Coffee with the City is cancelled
 - May 14 City Council Work/Study Session is cancelled
 - May 19 Arts Advisory Commission meeting is cancelled
 - May 28 City Council Work/Study Session is cancelled
 - July 3 Fireworks Event is cancelled (by Cheeseburger Babies Foundation)
- **Drive-thru testing available by appointment:** The Snohomish Health District is piloting plans for mobile testing operations. This means there will be less appointments available. Appointments are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m on Wednesday, May 6. On Wednesday, additional appointments will open for Friday, May 8. Testing will be in the parking lot at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 1070 Village Way in Monroe. **Please do not contact Sno-Isle Libraries with questions about testing.**

Eligibility Criteria: Testing is by appointment only. Only those who are sick and have developed any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days will be eligible to register for testing appointment: Fever greater than 100.4 degrees, cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. This testing option is not meant to replace or eliminate other testing avenues offered by many local healthcare providers. The goal is to supplement those options in order to ease some of the pressure on the existing system. For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel that you may have COVID-19.

Registration and appointment process: A website has been set up at <https://redcap.link/Snohomish-COVID19-Testing> where people will be asked a series of screening questions and, if they meet testing criteria, will be given an appointment time and a testing identifier number. If there are multiple people who will be coming in the same vehicle to be tested, each of them needs to answer the questions and get an individual number. Instructions on how to register are [available here](#). **People who are being tested should arrive on-time and no more than 15 minutes before their appointment**, and they will remain in their cars the entire time. Individuals must have an appointment, a testing identifier number and photo ID ready when arriving at the testing site. Those tested will receive instructions about results and symptom monitoring at the end of their appointment.

Food Donations or Food Offerings:

- **Concern for Neighbors Food Bank** located at 4700 228th Street SW in Mountlake Terrace is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for drive up distribution only (during COVID-19 emergency). Food donations are accepted Monday and Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **Cedarwood International Food Bank** is located at 23010 66th Avenue West. Their phone number is (206) 883-5132. They are also providing face masks and taking face mask donations.
- **Edmonds School District Grab & Go Meal Program** runs Monday through Friday during the Governor's Stay at Home Order (check dates in June to see if this program continues.) Breakfast and lunch, packaged together, are free for children 1-18 (children must be present) and adults may purchase a meal for \$5. Locations and Times: 1) Lakeside Apartments, 6102 Albion Way, 9:15-9:30 a.m.; 2) Mountlake Terrace High School, 21801 44th Street SW, 10-10:30 a.m.; 3) Terrace Park Elementary,

5409 228th Street SW, 11:00-11:30 a.m.; 4) Mountlake Terrace Elementary, 22201 52nd Street SW, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

Need more information? Call 425-431-1454 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ESDHELP> (English & Espanol).

- **Foundation for Edmonds School District (ESD) Nourishing Network** was created in partnership with the Edmonds School District because hungry children struggle to learn. More than 650 ESD students experience homelessness during the school year, and on average 33 percent of families qualify for free and reduced federal lunch programs. Contact Director Thame Fuller at thame@foundationESD.org or (425) 431-7092.
- **Washington WIC an Essential Service and Continues to be Available to Pregnant Women, New Moms, and Young Children:** WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. WIC gives families access to nutritious foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding support, health assessments and referrals. WIC is for pregnant people, new and breastfeeding moms, infants, and children under 5. These services help diverse communities address their health needs during and after pregnancy and in early childhood. WIC services are available by phone or video chat even when physical buildings are closed. To find WIC services in your area:
 - Call the Help Me Grow WA Hotline at 1-800-322-2588
 - Text "WIC" to 96859
 - [Visit ParentHelp123's ResourceFinder](#)

PRIOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION:

- **Companies are Hiring:** While some companies are experiencing challenges and reducing employee count, others are hiring immediately to meet new demands. Workforce Snohomish is maintaining a [list](#) of hiring companies. If you have positions to fill, connect with Worksource to get added to the list: business.solutions@workforcesnohomish.org or 425-921-3426.
- **The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) Helpline is open to help families impacted by Alzheimer's disease** and related dementia illnesses during this time as we are faced with the Coronavirus pandemic. Families can connect with the AFA Helpline in any of the following ways:
 - Via phone by calling 866-232-8484
 - Web chat by visiting www.alzfdn.org and clicking on the blue and white chat icon on the lower right hand corner of the page

- Sending a text message to 646-586-5283
(The web and text chat features are available in more than 90 languages.)
- **Washington State’s Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) has a new webpage** to provide customers with service updates during the COVID-19 outbreak. Please see the following highlights under DCYF’s [Family Resources](#) section.
- **The City of Mountlake Terrace issued a Declaration of Emergency** on Monday, April 6 following the Governor’s extension of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order. Doing so allows the city to change our operating hours, work beyond normal hours, make emergency procurements, reassign staff to tasks not normally in their job descriptions, etc. to ensure continuity of government and essential operations consistent with the orders of Governor Inslee during this pandemic.

As a result, City Hall, the Police Station and the Public Works Shop are closed to the public. The city will continue to process building and development permits, inspect essential construction activities, provide police services and maintain grounds and infrastructure.

The Recreation Pavilion is closed to the public with the exception of the city’s child care programs. Playground facilities are closed. Park trails are open, subject to gathering and social distancing requirements.

Most employees at City Hall, the Public Works Shop, and the Recreation Pavilion, as well as non-commissioned personnel at the Police Station, are now separated into two work groups to work remotely or on alternating shifts to reduce the risk of broad infection at city facilities.

City phone numbers:

Building Permits:	425-744-6267
City Hall – General:	425-776-1161
Code Enforcement:	425-744-6254
Non-Emergency Police/Fire:	425-407-3999 (Call 9-1-1 if emergency)
Recreation Pavilion:	425-776-9173
Traffic Tickets/Violations:	425-744-6228
Utility Billing:	425-744-6214

City emails:

City Hall General: cityhall@ci.mlt.wa.us
Code Enforcement: codeenforcement@ci.mlt.wa.us
Traffic Tickets/Violations: Violations@ci.mlt.wa.us
Utility Billing: utilitybilling@ci.mlt.wa.us

Police fines and payments may be placed in the Police Station payment box outside the station or mailed in to 5906 232nd Street SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

City utility payments may be placed in the drop box outside the Redstone Corporate Center II (Interim City Hall) parking lot or mailed to 6100 219th Street SW, #200, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. They may also be paid online and the city's vendor is currently waiving the \$2.00 convenience fee. Visit www.cityofmlt.com/167 to learn more about making utility payments.

- **On April 16, the Governor expanded the state's eviction moratorium and added additional protections for residential and some commercial tenants:** The Governor first proclaimed [a moratorium on evictions](#) in mid-March. The original order did not cover all living situations or every circumstance, nor did it cover commercial rentals and leases. The [new proclamation](#) extends and expands the original order through June 4th. Read more [here](#).
- **Snohomish County is No Longer Accepting Applications for the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant:** A Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program to assist small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak was made available last week. Many counties, including Snohomish County, have discontinued accepting applications at this time due to overwhelming volumes and limited staff. In total, the program has now received over 24,000 applications statewide. Washington's officials and congressional delegation have been working on additional small business programs that may include grants in the future. Visit the [Business and Worker](#) page on coronavirus.wa.gov for updates.
- **Social Distancing Violations of "Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order":** In summary of the Governor's March 30 press conference regarding handling reported violations of orders on social distancing and proper business operations, please note the following:

- People are **NOT** being asked, stopped and/or checked for identification purely for being out of their homes.
 - An individual, group or business disobeying the Governor's order is in violation of RCW 43.06.220(5).
 - To report an ***individual*** or ***private group*** that is not following the order, people are to contact local law enforcement. For Mountlake Terrace, those calls should go through dispatch's non-emergency number: (425) 4073999. Please DO NOT call 9-1-1 or the Police Station.
 - People can report ***business*** violations [here](#):
- **Snohomish County Extends Provides Some Property Tax Extensions:** Due to the financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Snohomish County Treasurer Brian Sullivan and Executive Dave Somers have extended the first-half 2020 property tax deadline to June 1, 2020. ***This executive order only applies to residents who pay their individual and commercial property taxes themselves, rather than through their mortgage lender.*** For those who can do so, Snohomish County is encouraging individual taxpayers to pay as soon as possible.
 - The Recreation and Parks Department is taking registration for camp care for children currently in our program as well as any children of essential workers or vulnerable children who do not have alternative care. The cost of the camp is \$170 per week for Mountlake Terrace residents. To register, please email mltrecreation@ci.mlt.wa.us. For more information, please call the Recreation Pavilion at (425) 776-9173 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. due to limited staffing. In compliance with the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order, the Pavilion is closed for in-person information so please call or email.