

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall

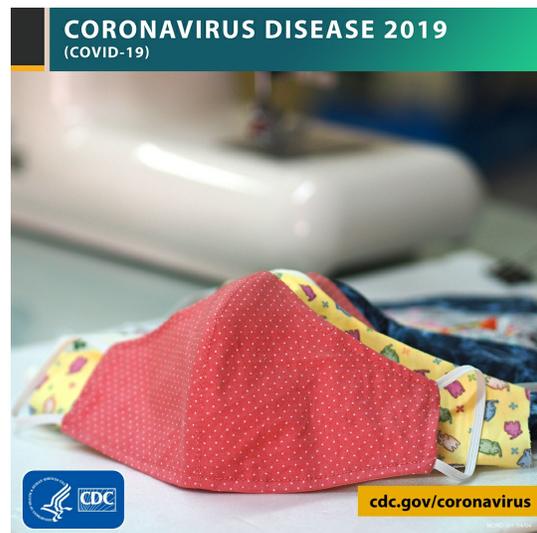


July 1, 2020

Face Masks Now Required in Public Spaces

Gov. Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman have **announced that as of June 26 Washingtonians are legally required to wear a face covering** when inside public spaces or when outdoors in public spaces where physical distancing is not possible.

Face coverings will help protect the health of Washingtonians, including essential workers and those returning to the workforce who face a higher risk of COVID-19 exposure.



The Governor's Office reported that "wearing a mask is one of the most effective things people can do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Recent models suggest that the incidence of COVID-19 cases can be reduced if the majority of the population is wearing masks. This correlation has been seen in other countries that have been able to lower the curve through mask usage."

Those with certain medical conditions and children under the age of two are exempted from this requirement, although children as young as two, three and four are encouraged, but not required, to wear a face covering in public.

Face coverings can be removed while eating or drinking at a restaurant; while communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing; and while outdoors in public areas, provided that a distance of six feet is maintained from people who are not members of their household.

In addition to wearing masks, everyone should continue to practice **precautions designed to contain the spread of the disease**. "Washington's strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if, together, we act safely and follow health recommendations," Wiesman said.

A video thumbnail featuring a white rounded rectangle with the text "University Place Fireworks Regulations" in red. A play button icon is centered over the text. The background is dark with bokeh lights and a sparkler.

University Place Fireworks Regulations

Like many things in our COVID-19 era, public Fourth of July fireworks shows have been cancelled, which means many people will be looking for ways to celebrate the holiday with their own fireworks displays. This also means the risk for serious injury is greatly increased if people use illegal fireworks or do not follow basic safety rules.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 9,000 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2018, with 62 percent of those injuries occurring in the one-month period between June and July. To ensure fireworks safety, West Pierce Fire & Rescue encourages residents to watch this short **video**, which includes tips on how to keep people and property safe when discharging legal fireworks.

Within the City of University Place, the only fireworks that are legal for discharge are:

- Cones
- Fountains
- Smokes
- Novelties such as smoke balls, snakes and pop-its
- Sparklers

University Place residents are reminded that fireworks can only be discharged from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4 by persons 16 years of age or older. Children under 16 must be under direct adult supervision. Violations of the University Place fireworks law are infractions and could lead to a \$250 fine, plus fees, costs and assessments.

What's UP with Biz CARES Act Grants for U.P. Businesses

U.P. businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible for grants in varying amounts as part of federal CARES Act relief funds the City will receive from the State of Washington.

At its June 1 meeting, the City Council directed staff to work with Council and members of the City's Economic

Development Advisory Commission to establish criteria for a grant program. Based on that effort, City Manager Steve Sugg and staff will present a resolution to the City Council on July 6 to share information on the program specifics and to formally adopt the funding. Pending Council approval, staff will initiate the grant process with a goal to distribute the funds by July 29.

Businesses that want to apply for the grants should visit the **City's website** and click on the **Business Relief Program link**. The website will be updated regularly, but there will be a limited application window. Questions can be directed to **Becky Metcalf** in the City's Economic Development Department at 253.460.5442.



Roll the Videotape: U.P. Garden Tour Goes Virtual

One of the most popular signs of spring in University Place is the annual Garden Tour sponsored by the U.P. Historical Society. This year, however, due to the COVID-

19 outbreak, the tour has taken a slight detour and will be available to everyone to view on the City's social media channels (**Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**) as well as U.P.'s **YouTube** Channel.



University Place
Historical Society

A crew from UPTV has visited each of the gardens (while wearing masks and adhering to physical distancing requirements) to capture their beauty on film. Pierce County Master Gardener Alice Dionne was on hand to answer questions about the six private gardens on the tour as well as the Historical Society's garden at the Curran House. The videos of each garden will debut individually on U.P.'s social media feeds and then be packaged together into one special program that will air on UPTV later this summer.

Be sure to check U.P.'s **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram** accounts each week for the new videos and enjoy a beloved U.P. tradition from the comfort and safety of your own home.

Special thanks to the U.P. Historical Society for making this event possible, with

the help of the 2020 Garden Tour sponsors: Atkins Chiropractic, Columbia Bank, Gray Lumber Company, JK Tax Service, Inc., McCabe's Automotive Specialists, Morrison House/Sotheby's International Realty, Portland Ave. Nursery, Seattle Seahawks, Sound Community Bank, Suburban Opticians and U.P. Refuse & Recycling.

Help Keep Our Local Environment Clean

There are many ways we can all chip in and do our part to keep our local environment and waterways clean.

Take a look at 5 tips to help reduce chemicals and waste that travel into and pollute our local waters!



U.P. Virtual Council Meetings

City Council meetings play live at the time of the Council Meeting, typically first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

To watch live, watch on your television on Click! (Rainier Connect) cable channel 12 and Comcast

cable channel 21 within the City of University Place city limits. Or watch live from any internet-connected device on **YouTube**.

City Council meetings play back every day at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Watch on Click! (Rainier Connect) cable channel 12 and Comcast cable channel 21 within the City of University Place city limits.

Visit the **City Website** for Council Meeting times and agendas.

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Monday, July 6, 2020
at 6:30 p.m.

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CITY HALL HOLIDAY NOTICE

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, JULY 3 IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY, JULY 6 AT 9 A.M.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RESCHEDULED TO OCT. 6, 2020



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