

## March 19, 2020 Update

### What's New?

- The city has updated its COVID-19 webpage with additional resources for our community. Please visit [www.cityofmlt.com/2060](http://www.cityofmlt.com/2060). Washington State created a new [Coronavirus Response Website](#) for one-stop shopping for COVID-19 information.
- COVID-19 is a significant threat to the health of the community, and the city is working to ensure the needs of residents, business owners, employees and others continue to be met during this stressful time. Health experts identify frequent hand washing as a critical step in the fight to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and the city wants to ensure that the community is able to take the proper measures to protect themselves.

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, **the City of Mountlake Terrace will postpone shut offs of water service to customers for nonpayment through April 24.** 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 has launched a new COVID-19 **Emergency Sheltering Program** to help those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19. The funds will target those who are experiencing homelessness and are parents with children, veterans, or other vulnerable individuals. For more information, visit <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/72255/New-COVID-19-Emergency-Sheltering-Program-Launched-in-Snohomish-County?bidId=>.

- **Renters & Landlords:** In response to inquiries made to the city about this issue, "Under the governor's Wednesday order, landlords are barred from evicting someone who fails to pay rent on time. It's in effect for 30 days. Landlords are prohibited from issuing a 20-day notice for unlawful occupancy unless they can demonstrate it's necessary to ensure the health and safety of the tenant or others."  
<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/governor-orders-economic-relief-for-tenants-and-businesses/>

- Snohomish County has been asked **why child cares remain open** if schools are required to close. The Snohomish Health District strongly encourages parents and guardians who can keep their children home at this time to do so. Keeping children at home, hiring a nanny or babysitter to provide one-to-one care, or sharing care responsibilities with other parents in groups of no more than two or three children will help reduce the risk of spreading this disease.

As for why child cares are open, class sizes in child cares tend to be relatively small and child care facilities are generally smaller than schools. Child cares also play a crucial role in ensuring that those who cannot work remotely still have a safe place for their children. The city is providing daycare to current Kids Krew and Junior Kids Krew customers as well as first responders and city employees who are critical to this pandemic response.

- Edmonds School District continues to provide **free bag breakfasts and lunches** at 21 distribution sites during their six-week closure. This week there are three distribution sites/times in Mountlake Terrace:
  - Lakeside Apartments, 9:15–9:30 a.m. (6102 Albion Way)
  - Mountlake Terrace High School, 10-10:30 a.m. (21801-44th Ave. W)
  - Mountlake Terrace Elementary, 11–11:30 a.m. (22001-52nd Ave. W)
  - See Edmonds School District's [website](#) for other locations/times

#### **Other Agency Updates:**

- [Snohomish Health District Frequently Asked Questions – March 18, 2020](#)
- [Edmonds School District](#)
- [Comcast Low-Income Internet Essentials](#)
- [Snohomish PUD Announcement](#) (March 11)

#### **Updates on Meetings and Events**

- March 19 Ballinger Park Playground Design meeting is postponed
- March 23 Planning Commission meeting is cancelled
- April 8 Coffee with the City is cancelled
- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled (by Cheeseburger Babies Foundation)
- April 11 April Pools Day is cancelled
- April 14 Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission meeting is cancelled