

March 20, 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. Washington State created a new [Coronavirus Response Website](#) for one-stop shopping for COVID-19 information.
- Thanks to MLTNews.com for their work in creating this list of Mountlake Terrace restaurants offering takeout or delivery service. Please help our businesses stay open if you are able to. <https://mltnews.com/directory-of-mountlake-terrace-restaurants-offering-takeout-delivery/>
- 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

March 20 Updates from Snohomish County Related to COVID-19:

- **Today's White House Coronavirus Task Force Briefing**
The President announced that he has instructed some companies to produce ventilators and face masks by invoking the Defense Production Act. In addition, federal student loan payments have been suspended without

penalty for at least 60 days. Please visit the White House's [webpage](#) for more information on the briefing.

- **U.S. Tax Filing Deadline Extended to July 15, 2020**

Steven Mnuchin, the U.S. treasury secretary, announced that all taxpayers and businesses will have until July 15, 2020 to file and make payments without interest or penalties.

- **New Snohomish Health District Blog Post**

The Snohomish Health District has a new blog post advising what to do if you have symptoms, have a positive test, are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, or are the supervisor of an employee who has COVID-19. For more information please read the [blog post](#).

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 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