



## ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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### PRESS RELEASE

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### STATEMENT REGARDING PHASE 2 APPROVAL (CORONAVIRUS)

Island County, May 23, 2020:

On May 22, Island County Public Health submitted a variance application to advance from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the Governor's [Safe Start](#) reopening plan. On May 23, the Secretary of Health approved the Island County Phase 2 variance request, subject to conditions. With this approval, business services and activities listed in Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan are now permitted, provided appropriate guidelines and safety measures are implemented. In order to remain in compliance with Phase 2, Island County must adhere to the aforementioned conditions, including but not limited to:

- An individual business is only allowed to reopen after it can implement the state guidelines for a safe start. The guidelines can be accessed at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>.
- Camping remains prohibited within Island County at this time.
- Gatherings with more than 5 people outside your household per week are prohibited.

The [complete approval letter](#) with conditions is available for review on the [Island County Public Health webpage](#).

For additional information:

**Island County Public Health** – [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx)  
Call Center # 360.678.2301, Mondays through Fridays (8:00am – 4:30pm), Saturdays and Sundays (9:00am – 4:00pm)

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