

HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER NO. 20-072

June 23, 2020

RE: Order Rescinding Health Officer Order Nos. 20-059, 20-060, and 20-061

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency within the State of Washington due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, SNOHOMISH County Executive Somers proclaimed a state of emergency within Snohomish County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, pursuant to order 20-056, the Local Health Officer declared a public health emergency within Snohomish County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a state of pandemic due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, also on March 11, 2020, Governor Inslee ordered that all events of over 250 people be halted in King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, also on March 11, 2020, pursuant to Order No. 20-059 the Local Health Officer ordered that all events of over 250 people be halted in Snohomish County and that all events with 250 or less be cancelled unless the organizer could implement social distancing and sanitation measures due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, pursuant to Order No. 20-060 the Local Health Officer ordered additional, more restrictive measures to address the spread of the COVID-19 virus and on March 31, 2020, pursuant to Order No. 20-061 extended that order until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee imposed a Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order throughout Washington State prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, until midnight on April 6, 2020, unless extended beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a four-phase reopening plan that provides for county specific loosening of COVID-19 related restrictions upon meeting certain eligibility criteria; and

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WHEREAS, each phase is slated to last a minimum of three weeks, but movement to a subsequent phase is dependent on factors such as increased testing, available hospital capacity, and a limited number of new positive cases per capita; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, Washington State Secretary of Health Wiesman approved Snohomish County's transition to Phase 2 of the Governor's Safe Start phased re-opening plan; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 permits gatherings of five or fewer people, allows restaurants to reopen at a reduced capacity, allows personal services to begin, restarts construction activities, and allows other previously prohibited activities; and

WHEREAS, the earliest date that Snohomish County may be eligible to apply to move to Phase 3 is June 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions on crowd size, public food consumption, and business operations contained in Order Nos. 20-059, 20-060, and 20-061 are not entirely consistent with the phases of the Safe Start Plan; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that COVID-19 restrictions are consistent with each phase as it is approved, it is necessary to rescind Order Nos. 20-059, 20-060, and 20-061.

THEREFORE, based upon the preceding, the Local Health Officer hereby orders the following:

Health Officer Order No. 20-059, Health Officer Order No. 20-060, and Health Officer Order 20-061 are hereby rescinded.

This order shall take effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Notwithstanding this order, all individuals, enterprises, and facilities remain subject to all COVID-19 proclamations, declarations, directives, and orders promulgated and remaining in effect by the Snohomish County Executive, the Secretary of Health, and the Governor. If any element of this order is or becomes in conflict with such, the more restrictive directive shall prevail.

Signed and ordered this 23rd day of June 2020 in Everett, Washington, by



Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH
Health Officer