

City of Westport

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Dear Westport Business Owner/Operator,

Grays Harbor Countyøs request to enter Phase 2 of Gov. Jay Insleeøs Safe Start Plan has been approved by Washington State Secretary of Health Dr. John Wiesman. This variance applies to all businesses in the City of Westport.

The variance is effective immediately and carries conditions that must be met for Grays Harbor County to maintain continued operation in Phase 2. The letter from the Secretary of Health approving the variance details the requirements and is posted on Public Healthøs website at www.HealthyGH.org/directory/covid19guidance. The variance changes or modifies many of the conditions for businesses, recreation, gatherings, and travel. Please keep in mind that the conditions placed on operations under Phase 2 are not optional.

Businesses must ensure that they have appropriate social distancing measures and health standards in place before opening. Industry-specific guidance, as well as an online form for individuals wishing to report businesses not in compliance with the Phase 2 guidance, is available at https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start. Non-compliance may result in the State shutting down your business or revoking your license. Please make sure to review and implement the requirements for your business. These are State mandated conditions, and the City of Westport does not decide these rules, but we want to make sure our businesses are aware of the requirements.

Businesses/employers that are able to open under the Phase 2 variance that was approved include:

- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Phase2InStoreRetailGuidance.pdf
- Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity and table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating) https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Phase%202%20Restaurant%20industry%2 Ore-open%20proposal_FINAL.pdf
- Remaining manufacturing
- Additional construction phases
- In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)
- Real estate
- Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Hair and nail salons/barbers
- Pet grooming

While we have been very fortunate in Westport and have had very few cases of COVID-19, people in high-risk populations are strongly encouraged to limit their participation in Phase 2 activities and business services. High-risk populations include persons 65 years of age and older or those who have an underlying medical or immune system problems. We urge physical distancing, hygiene, handwashing, and the use of masks to help avoid any further spread of the disease.

Grays Harbor County Public Health will continue to operate a COVID-19 call center that will assist people with testing referrals. Assistance is available in both English and Spanish. Call (360) 964-1850. The call center is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Testing resources and locations can be found on the Grays Harbor Public Health website at www.HealthyGH.org/directory/covid19.

The Grays Harbor Public Healthos COVID-19 Task Force and Grays Harbor Emergency Operations Center are trying to provide the most accurate and timely information possible. For information about COVID-19 and response, visit the website at http://www.healthyGH.org or on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/healthyghc.

We need to make sure that we provide safe and sanitary conditions for our local residents and outside visitors. We do not want any spread of the virus in our community, and we do not want to risk further restrictions. Please do your part and follow the required COVID-19 guidelines as described in the links noted above.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the below administrative supervisorsøemails.

Sincerely,

Rob Bearden, Mayor City of Westport