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Dear Medina Community.

Governor shares phased approach to lifting restrictions

The governor on Friday [extended](#) the “Stay Home – Stay Healthy” order until May 31, and shared a [four-phase approach](#) called [Safe Start Washington](#) to gradually open services and businesses and lift the limitations on other activities in the coming weeks.

We are now in Phase 1, “Safe Start” and essential businesses will continue to stay open. Some construction, including residential construction, can start back up. Landscaping and yard maintenance, pet walkers, automobile sales, and retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) can re-open. Some outdoor recreation, with physical distancing still required (hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, hiking), is allowed. Golf courses can re-open and tee times will be limited to two people, or four from the same household. *Most of our local businesses will still have restrictions in place so please check their websites or call them for their operating times and limitations.*

To control the spread of the coronavirus, physical distancing measures still apply, and in-person gatherings with people outside your household are not permitted. Travel is still limited to essential travel only. And if you are at a high-risk for a bad reaction to the coronavirus, continue to stay home and let others run your essential errands for you.

During Phase 1, Medina City Hall will remain closed to the public. Essential city services such as police and fire continue, in-person, 24/7. Most City staff are working remotely. Many city services are offered online or over the phone, including permitting and general inquiries. For questions about your residential construction project, please check our updated [construction policy](#) or contact Steve Wilcox on 425.233.6409

Every Monday at 4pm, Chief Burns and I provide a virtual COVID-19 update to the City Council that the community can sign on to watch. On the second and some fourth Mondays of the month, these meetings are immediately followed by virtual City Council meetings. Residents can watch or listen live through Microsoft teams, and can submit public comment prior to the meetings. Access instructions and meeting details are available [here](#)

As we continue to make sense of what is going on around us and adjust to changes, please know that this is a moment in time. Things will change even though it doesn't seem like that sometimes. I hope that we build on our progress and never lose sight of our shared goals and desired outcomes – that will help each and every one of us. I would like to share a piece with you from the Public Health Insider which reads “when we find ourselves on the other side of this, we will look back and know that we focused on the things that we value most to get us through”

<https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/05/01/the-weight-of-having-to-wait-emotions-surfaced-by-the-stay-at-home-extension/>

Many of you have also reached out to us for ways to donate or volunteer. Check out Bellevue's [COVID-19 Community Resources](#) web page. King County has set up an online Donations Connector platform to connect community-based organizations in need with people and organizations who can help. If you want to make donations or volunteer your time or services, please see: <https://kingcounty.gov/emergency/donate> or email [donations@kingcounty.gov](mailto:donations@kingcounty.gov)

*The King County Donations Connector has logged over 126 total donations via the inbox, 44 organizations requesting donations and 25 organizations offering donations through the online platform (including surgical masks and PPE)*

Thank you and warm wishes,

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