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From Washington State Department of Health:

Financial health

This pandemic is causing financial hardship and uncertainty for many of us. Let’s look at some of the resources that might help.

- The federal stimulus bill has just passed, and Employment Security Department Commissioner Suzi LeVine has a brief video on YouTube to explain some of the changes that benefit Washingtonians. Go to esd.wa.gov to sign up for COVID-19 action alerts so you can take action as things change and apply for benefits you are eligible for.

- The state’s coronavirus website has information to help sort through other benefits that may be available to you, such as paid family leave, workers compensation, and resources for small businesses (https://coronavirus.wa.gov/business-workers).

- Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) has developed a list of resources that might help address the financial impacts of the coronavirus, including mortgage assistance, financial resources, and financial scams.

- The federal stimulus package included about $1,200 per person. This money has not been distributed yet, but some scammers are trying to take advantage of people. Remember—the government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get this money. No fees. No charges. No nothing. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer.

What you should know about scams: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing

“Stay Calm – Plan Ahead – Stay Safe”
If you have symptoms:
If you think you’ve been exposed to the virus and have respiratory symptoms, call Jefferson Healthcare’s dedicated COVID-19/Respiratory Illness Nurse Consult line at 360-344-3094 as a first step. COVID-19 testing drive-thru at Jefferson Healthcare is by appointment only.

Links to more information:
- Jefferson County Public Health: https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19
- Jefferson Co. Public Health Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/
- Jefferson County Gov Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/

Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416

Best Practices and Guides:
- Washington State Department of Health: https://www.doh.wa.gov/
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov

Current status of Jefferson County grocery stores and restaurants:
The information provided will be updated as things change. Suggest checking the site frequently.

If you need help:
- Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1I8K1TZeXU70zGi676aBAROdRpxyq0uFPhkq8joult_cU2w/viewform

If you want to help:
Fill out OlyCap’s volunteer form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOnTpA3QkOt4MA4dl1UVvdx5XyxEa4fAXlw3UtZQMzU-0dlg/viewform
If you can’t volunteer, you can donate to OlyCap’s COVID-19 fund log on to https://www.olycap.org
Click on the red box on the opening page.

Have specialized skills and want to help? Are you a retired doctor, nurse, ENT, police officer, etc.?
Fill out DEM’s volunteer form and help in our efforts: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help

WIFI Hotspots—Please pass on to those you know who don’t have internet connectivity:
- Jefferson County Library: 620 Cedar Ave, Port Hadlock, WA
- Port Townsend Library: 1220 Lawrence St, Port Townsend
- Brinnon Community Center: 306144 Highway 101, Brinnon, WA
- LB Johnson Community Center: 923 Hazel Point Rd, Quilcene (Coyle), WA
- Tri-Area Community Center: 10 West Valley Rd Chimacum, WA
- Quilcene Community Center: 294952 US-101, Quilcene, WA