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FACE MASKS STILL NEEDED
While many people have stepped up to make facemasks for community use, the need has increased. A facemask pattern and instructions can be found on the Dept. of Emergency Management’s webpage: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/Documents-Mask/Mask-Information OR: https://psjh.blob.core.windows.net/covid/Instructions%20Community%20Mask.pdf

WEST COAST GOVERNORS JOINT PLAN
The governors for Oregon, Washington and California announced Monday that they have a “shared vision” for reopening businesses and managing the coronavirus in the future. In a co-authored statement from Gov. Kate Brown of Oregon, Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington and Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, the leaders set out some early criteria for restarting the economy. First, they said, people’s health has to come first. Any decision to ease stay at home orders would not come if it endangers people’s lives. The governors said they would be looking at data, specifically a declining rate of virus spread, before any “large-scale reopening.”
“We will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this,” the governors’ statement said.
They also outlined that public health officials would focus on four priorities to control the virus in the future: fighting outbreaks, particularly among older populations; ensuring adequate hospital and health care capacity for new cases; reducing disease impacts on “disadvantaged communities;” and developing better systems for testing and tracking the disease.
SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR QUALIFIED UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) announced a limited-time special enrollment period for qualified individuals who are currently without insurance. Until May 8, individuals seeking a special enrollment must contact the Customer Support Center between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at 1-855-923-4633; TTY: 1-855-627-9604, or a local certified broker or navigator, request the SEP, and select a plan by May 8 for coverage start date beginning May 1, 2020. [https://www.wahbexchange.org/new-customers/who-can-sign-up/special-enrollment-period/](https://www.wahbexchange.org/new-customers/who-can-sign-up/special-enrollment-period/)

If you have symptoms:
Call Jefferson Healthcare’s Nurse Consult line at 360-344-3094 as a first step. COVID-19 testing drive-thru at Jefferson Healthcare is by appointment only.

If you want to help:
Go to [https://www.olycap.org](https://www.olycap.org) to fill out a volunteer form.

Dept. of Emergency Management is looking for retired doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers; those with a food-handler’s card. To volunteer, go to [https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help](https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help)

If you need help:
- Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSf18KITZeXU70zGi676aBAROdPxyq0uFPhkq8joult_cU2w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSf18KITZeXU70zGi676aBAROdPxyq0uFPhkq8joult_cU2w/viewform)

LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION:
- Jefferson County Public Health: [https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19](https://co.jefferson.wa.us/1429/COVID-19)
- Jefferson Co. Public Health Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/](https://www.facebook.com/jeffersoncountypublichealth/)
- Jefferson County Gov Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/](https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/)

Difficulty coping? CALL THE CRISIS HOTLINE at 1-888-910-0416. Other Mental Health Resources can be found at: [https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources](https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources)

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