Inslee expands statewide eviction moratorium & halts rent hikes

On Thursday, April 16, Gov. Inslee extended and expanded the moratorium on evictions and imposed a new freeze on increases of residential rents. The statewide ban on evictions will be extended another seven weeks and will include new measures meant to protect more tenants. Commercial rent increases also will be barred if the commercial tenant has been impacted by the coronavirus. Additionally, the order prohibits landlords from threatening to add late fees or charges for non-payment as well as charging rent for housing where a tenant’s access to the unit was prevented by COVID-19 to include college housing.

Inslee’s two priorities before reopening the state’s economy

After President Trump gave governor’s a three-phase plan on Thurs., April 16, Gov. Inslee said his two main priorities include the need for daily infections to continue to fall for 14 days, and the widespread testing must be available. At this time, Washington State still lacks the supplies needed for widespread testing. In Jefferson County, 705 residents have been tested. According to an article in the Peninsula Daily News, Dr. Tom Locke, Jefferson County Public Health Medical Director remarked that health officials agree the next big phase of coronavirus control will be “a massive increase” in testing, which now is still limited to people showing symptoms.

Confirmed Cases by Age

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Female: 12 (43%)
Male      16 (57%)
If you have symptoms:
First call Jefferson Healthcare’s Nurse Consult line at 360-344-3094. COVID-19 testing drive-thru at Jefferson Healthcare is by appointment only.

If you want to help:
- Go to https://www.olycap.org to fill out a volunteer form.
- Dept. of Emergency Management is looking for retired doctors, nurses, EMTs, police officers and people with a food-handlers card. To volunteer, go to https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1450/VolunteerHow-to-Help

If you want to donate:
- You can donate to OlyCap on their webpage: http://olycap.org
- You can also donate through the Jefferson Community Foundation at https://www.jcfgives.org/.

If you need help:
- Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1l8KITZeXU70zGl676aBAROdRpxyq0uFPhkq8joult_cU2w/viewform

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. Other Mental Health Resources can be found at: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1447/Mental-Health-Resources

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