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‘Low-risk’ construction projects to resume
Gov. Inslee announced today that low-risk construction projects may restart if they have specific safety measures in place that include maintaining physical distancing and using adequate personal protective equipment; having a site supervisor and a mitigation plan. Written notice of the work to be performed must also be posted. Additional information can be found at https://coronavirus.wa.gov/business-workers

UPDATE: U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) paycheck protection program
While U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) is currently unable to accept new applications for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or the Economic Injury Disaster Loan based on available appropriations funding, Congress is working to pass new funding measures. On April 21, the Senate reached a deal to provide $480 billion in new coronavirus relief with $310 billion going toward the SBAs PPP. House lawmakers on Thursday, April 23, voted to approve a $484 billion coronavirus relief package. Check https://www.sba.gov for updates.

The state Department of Commerce continues to support other SBA loan programs including SBA 7(a), 504 and microloans, on which the SBA is offering Debt Relief; or, SBA Express Bridge Loans. Go to https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans for additional information.

Looking ahead
Washington State Department of Commerce Director Lisa Brown said her agency is getting many questions from businesses about the future and what re-opening the economy will look like. “Recovery will be gradual and driven by health data for a safe start that keeps people and their communities healthy,” she said

NOTE: New graphs from Public Health showing confirmed positive cases by symptoms onset and by lab confirmation date can be found on this link: https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/1459/Jefferson-County-Data-Reports
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 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

If you need help:
• Olympic Community Action Programs: Fill out the request for assistance form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1I8KlTZexU70zG1676aBAROdRpxyq0uFPhkq8jouIt_cU2w/viewform

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

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/
• Dept. of Emergency Management: https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/950/Dept-of-Emergency-Management