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Message from Mayor Wheeler: Gov. Inslee Issues "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order

Bremerton, WA (March 23, 2020) – To reduce the spread of COVID-19, Gov. Inslee issued a "Stay Home" Order for all of Washington state for the next two weeks. Bremerton residents can read more on the order below.

The following information was provided by Governor Inslee's office.

Inslee announces "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order

Tonight, Gov. Jay Inslee spoke directly to Washingtonians to announce he will sign a statewide order that requires everyone in the state to stay home. The order will last for two weeks and could be extended.

This Stay Home, Stay Healthy order is similar to orders that other governors, in places such as California and New York, issued last week.

This proclamation will:

- *Require every Washingtonian to stay home unless they need to pursue an essential activity.*
- *Ban all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes.*
- *Close all businesses except essential businesses.*

"The less time we spend in public, the more lives we will save," Inslee said.

The proclamation states it's still safe for people to go outside as long as they remain at least six feet from each other. Grocery stores, doctor's offices and other essential businesses will remain open. People can still participate in activities such as bike rides, gardening, and dog walking — as long as they follow social distancing rules.

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