



# CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

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## COVID19 UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

In compliance with the Governor's order to Stay Home and Stay Healthy and at the directive of the Mayor, the City of Black Diamond is closed except as needed to ensure continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure and government functions critical to public health and safety. This closure remains in effect until April 8, 2020 or further notice.

Consistent with Governor Inslee's Executive Order, essential critical infrastructure and government functions that WILL CONTINUE operations during this time include:

- **Emergency Services:** Police, Fire, and Emergency Management
- **Water and Wastewater:** Operations and maintenance of drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, including performing required sampling and monitoring and making emergency repairs.
- **Transportation:** Maintaining streets for the safety for the traveling public and other essential functions, such as energy utilities and telecommunications, that rely on use of the public rights-of-way

During this closure, the City WILL NOT be accepting new development permits or land use applications or conducting building inspections. Inspections will be available for emergency residential repairs and other projects that ensure structural integrity. The Governor's order is clear that a construction project (including housing construction) is not an essential function unless it relates to an essential facility or service in support of the following activities:\*

- Healthcare/Public Health
- Emergency Services Sector
- Food and Agriculture
- Energy
- Water and Wastewater
- Transportation and Logistics
- Communications and Information Technology
- Critical Manufacturing
- Hazardous Materials
- Financial Services

Please [click here](#) for the list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” designated by Governor Inslee as exempt from his order issued last night (3/23).

The Mayor cares about the health of our Community. During the closure, The City will not be shutting off utilities for non-payment or adding late fees or shut off fees to your utility bills. We will be deferring sending out utility bills and posting of direct utility mail payments.

The Finance Department will also be deferring vendor payments and financial reports. We ask that everyone be patient during this critical time.

Stay Home and Stay Healthy.