

PRESS RELEASE

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Kittitas County Please Prepare for Phase 2 to Start Next Week

The Kittitas County Incident Management Team (IMT) is asking businesses along with residents to prepare for Phase 2 to begin as early as Wednesday of next week. Please do not begin implementing Phase 2 practices at this time. The IMT and partner agencies are doing everything within our power to move forward to Phase 2. “We are confident in our response to Kittitas County’s first outbreak,” state Health Officer Dr. Mark Larson. “It is possible that our variance application will be approved on Tuesday the 26th, which means our county should be prepared to begin Phase 2 on May 27th.”

Phase 2 means that additional businesses open. Retail establishments can start providing partial in-store retail at that time. Residents are also able to interact with people (5 per week) outside of their household in Phase 2. For a summary of Phase 2 visit <https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/chart-washingtons-phased-approach>.

All businesses are required to have a safety plan. Safety plan worksheets are available on the Kittitas County Incident webpage along with sample plans. Businesses that would like technical assistance may also request help on the incident website. For businesses that have questions on whether they can open during Phase 2, please inquire at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>. Reopening guidance is changing and is available on the Governor’s website at www.governor.wa.gov via the COVID-19 issues page.

If you have questions about your health, please contact your healthcare provider or you can call the Temporary COVID Clinic at KVH at 509-933-8850. If you are having a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the Emergency Department at KVH. If you have general questions about COVID-19, please call the EOC at 509-933-8315 or 509-933-8305.

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