

PRESS RELEASE

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Kittitas County's Phase 3 Variance is Approved

The Kittitas County Incident Management Team (IMT) is pleased to announce that we have been approved for Phase 3 of Washington's Phased Reopening Plan! Phase 3 in Kittitas County begins today, June 23, 2020. Thank you to every resident and everyone in our county that has contributed to our Phase 3 approval.

Phase 3 of the state plan allows for outdoor recreational groups of up to 50 people to start, which would include baseball games. Social gatherings can have up to 50 people. Non-essential travel can resume. Places like movie theaters and public pools can open with less than 50 percent capacity. For information about Washington's Phase Plan visit <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>.

The Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) and IMT want to remind Kittitas County residents to proceed with caution. We are all excited about being able to resume activities, and we want to continue to have access to these activities safely. While our incidence of disease remains low, we are very close to jurisdictions with very high rates of illness and hospitalization. Maintaining safety at Phase 3 is the true test as to our recovery from this pandemic. It is more important than ever to continue protecting yourself and others so that we can continue to move forward. Even in Phase 3, proceed with maintaining physical distance or wearing a cloth face covering.

Please celebrate safely (wear masks, stay home if you're sick, wash hands frequently, et cetera).

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

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