



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Thank you for reading Monroe This Week.

This week's edition provides an update on the current status of the Safe Start Washington phased economic re-opening, the City's recognition of Public Works Week, wonderful programs by and for our Monroe High School Class of 2020, and the return of the Monroe Farmers Market.



Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "G. Thomas".

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

GOVERNOR RELEASES GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING OF BUSINESSES AND SERVICES IN PHASE 1

As I shared in last week's edition of *Monroe This Week*, last Monday, May 4, Governor Inslee announced [Safe](#)

[Start Washington](#), a four-phase plan to reopen Washington's economy; the following day, Tuesday, May 5, the state entered Phase 1. Since the announcement of the Safe Start Washington Plan, the governor has released a series of reopening guidance for businesses and workers to assist in the development of their reopening plans. I encourage all employers and employees to visit the governor's [Reopening Guidance](#) page and familiarize yourself with the guidance impacting your industry.

Safe Start Washington

METRICS FOR MOVING BETWEEN PHASES

As part of the announcement of the Safe Start Washington plan, Governor Inslee announced that there will be at least three weeks between each phase. This period is to allow for a full two-week incubation period. The additional week will be utilized by the governor and his advisors to analyze data metrics from that period and determine if it is an appropriate time to transition between phases. One of the primary questions that both Governor Inslee and city staff have received is what the metrics will measure. The five metrics the governor and his advisors will be analyzing are:



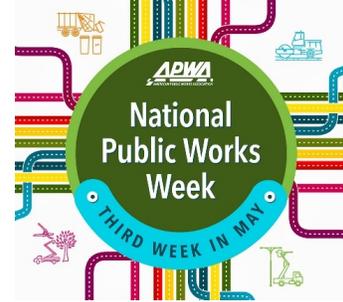
1. COVID-19 Disease Activity
 - Low and falling disease burden
2. Testing Capacity and Availability
 - Availability for everyone with COVID-19 symptoms and those with high risk exposures to be tested immediately
3. Case and Contact Investigations
 - Ability to rapidly isolate those with COVID-19, and identify/quarantine their contacts
4. Risk to Vulnerable Populations
 - As measured by the number of outbreaks in long term care facilities per week as well as demographic and equity data
5. Health Care System Readiness
 - As measured by hospital beds, ICU capacity, ventilator numbers and State PPP Procurement

To learn more about each metric and to view the current status, visit the [Washington State Risk Assessment Dashboard](#).

CITY CELEBRATES 60TH ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Today I issued a [Proclamation](#) recognizing next week, May 17-23, 2020 as [Public Works Week](#). Marking the 60th annual celebration, Public Works

Week honors our local professionals whose careers focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance. These civic and private sector engineers, project managers and their teams help ensure sustainable and resilient communities. Here in Monroe, these dedicated professionals contribute greatly to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of our families and our neighbors. I encourage you to read the full text of the Proclamation, and next week join the [American Public Works Association](#) and our local government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HOST FLASH FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow, May 16, the [Monroe COVID Campaign](#) will be hosting a Flash Food Drive from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Benefiting the Sky Valley Food Bank, the Flash Food Drive will have multiple drop off locations, including Galaxy Theatres and at Lake Tye Park, south of the tennis courts. Please take a moment to review the list of [needed food items](#) and, if you're able, support this worthy cause and effort.



The Monroe COVID Campaign is an Instagram media campaign created for the community by a group of Monroe High School students after the closure of school district buildings. The platform is intended to be a source of positivity, encouragement, and inspiration for the Monroe community and prioritizes community service, both big and small, with a motto of "Stronger Together".



CONSIDER "ADOPTING" A GRADUATING SENIOR

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an unorthodox end to the school year for the 2020 Monroe High School graduating class. Though the traditional rites of passage for the Class of 2020 have been interrupted, our community has an opportunity to show our support for our graduates, to encourage them in their future endeavors, and to show our appreciation for the wonderful contributions they've made to our community, such as the Monroe COVID Campaign detailed above. Members of the community are [invited to "adopt"](#) one or more graduating seniors, through something as simple as a card or a note of encouragement, or a gift if you're inclined. Let's show our seniors their community supports them!



FARMERS MARKET RETURNS MAY 27

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has announced that the [Monroe Farmers Market](#) will return on Wednesday, May 27. This year the market will be held weekly between its opening day and September 2. Hosted by [Galaxy Theatres](#), the market will implement social distancing guidelines to protect the health and safety of vendors and visitors. Each week between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., shopping time will be dedicated for seniors and residents at high risk for COVID-19 transmission. For all visitors, vendors will select and bag items, a limited number of visitors will enter at a time, handwashing stations will be available, and six foot social distancing guidelines will be maintained. Let's all enjoy this wonderful community event while being mindful of the health and safety of ourselves, our families and our fellow residents.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council will meet in a Business Meeting and Study Session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. The meeting will be held via the Zoom remote meeting platform and participation information will be posted with the May 19 agenda.

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