

**CITY OF TUKWILA**  
**NOTICE OF CHANGES TO PROCESSING OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS**  
**BASED ON GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION 20-28**  
**TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

On March 24, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington adopted Proclamation 20-28 to be in effect until April 23, 2020 and states in part:

FURTHERMORE, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to **public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until midnight on April 23, 2020:**

RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:

"Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency in person during an agency's normal office hours, or"

RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only

RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: "full"\* <see below>

RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence: "Within five business days of receiving a public records request,"

\*RCW 42.56.100:Agencies shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations, and the office of the secretary of the senate and the office of the chief clerk of the house of representatives shall adopt reasonable procedures allowing for the time, resource, and personnel constraints associated with legislative sessions, consonant with the intent of this chapter to provide **full** public access to public records, to protect public records from damage or disorganization....."

Effective immediately and until further notice consistent with any revised proclamations or other orders issued by the Governor, the public will not be permitted to review City records in person at City facilities based on the Governor's April 23, 2020 mandate. There were no pending meetings or requests in place for review of records when the proclamation was adopted. City staff will continue to process public records requests in a timely matter under the circumstances of the Governor's Order and with an intention of meeting the otherwise applicable 5-day letter timeline where possible. As set forth in Proclamation 20-28, however, the 5-day timeline is currently inapplicable.

Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, Records Governance Manager/City Clerk/Public Records Officer



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05**

**20-28**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, 20-16, 20-17, 20-18, 20-19, 20-20, 20-21, 20-22, 20-23, 20-24, 20-25, 20-26, and 20-27, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, continues to broadly spread throughout Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and to protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to limit person to person contact through social distancing and limiting person to person contact; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State and to protect our most vulnerable populations, it is necessary to limit person to person contact through social distancing and limiting the numbers of people who may gather in one location; and

**WHEREAS**, transparency in state government and all of its political subdivisions is an important state policy, such that all statutes related to open public meetings and public records are the business of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a plethora of electronic, telephonic and other options that make it possible for the public to attend open public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to immediately waive any requirement in RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that provides for any activity that necessitates an in-person setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression throughout Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of this ongoing incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, RCW 38.52 and RCW 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in all Washington State counties, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect, and that Proclamation 20-05 is amended by waiving and suspending the portions of RCW 42.30 and RCW 42.56 that require in-person meetings or contact.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Also, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05 to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Any public agency, subject to RCW 42.30, is prohibited from conducting any meeting, subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access,

and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

Remote meeting resources include the Department of Enterprise Services Master Contract for teleconferencing and web-based meeting platforms, which can be found here:

Software Resellers (06016):

<https://apps.des.wa.gov/DESContracts/Home/ContractSummary/06016>

Cloud Solutions (05116):

<https://apps.des.wa.gov/DESContracts/Home/ContractSummary/05116>

Other resources can be found online by searching for free conference call services and for other e-based meeting services. Additional guidance for remote meetings may be found on at the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC, [www.mrsc.org](http://www.mrsc.org)).

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05 to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Subject to the conditions for conducting any meeting as required above, agencies are further prohibited from taking “action,” as defined in RCW 42.30.020, unless those matters are necessary and routine matters or are matters necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and the current public health emergency, until such time as regular public participation under the Open Public Meetings Act is possible.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until midnight on April 23, 2020:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:
  - “and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety; however, agencies are strongly encouraged to utilize a remote meeting option that complies, to the greatest extent possible, with this statute
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:
  - “Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:
  - “Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”

- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:
  - “on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until midnight on April 23, 2020:

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence: “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 24th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/  
Secretary of State



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28**

**20-28.1**

**Extension - Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-51 exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules in RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus and related prohibition; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently at least 12,494 cases of COVID-19 in Washington State with 692 associated deaths, hospitalizations for COVID-19-like illnesses have sharply increased in the past month, and a large surge in the number of serious COVID-19 infections will compromise the ability of our health care system to deliver necessary health care services and continues to require a reduction in person to person contact; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamation 20-28 is amended to (1) recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein to May 4, 2020.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department

/s/

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Secretary of State





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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-28 and 20-28.1**

**20-28.2**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently at least 15,462 cases of COVID-19 in Washington State with 841 associated deaths, demonstrating the ongoing, present, and persistent threat of this lethal disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules in RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus and related prohibition; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.1 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamations 20-28 were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28 and 20-28.1 are amended to (1) recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, except for RCW 42.56.520(1), which was extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein to May 31, 2020, or in the case of RCW 42.56.520(1) May 11, 2020.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing

everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 5th day of May, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-28, 20-28.1 and 28.2**

**20-28.3**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently at least 17,122 cases of COVID-19 in Washington State with 945 associated deaths, demonstrating the ongoing, present, and persistent threat of this lethal disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.1 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamations 20-28 were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.2 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which I extended to May 11, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28 was again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020; provided, that the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28 and 20-28.1, 20-28.2 are amended to recognize the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2020, except that the extension of the waiver and suspension of language in RCW 42.56.520(1) will not apply to 5-day response requirements under the statute for public records requests received by an agency electronically.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 12th day of May, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
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Secretary of State



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-28, 20-28.1, 28.2, and 28.3**

**20-28.4**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-57, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.1 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the

COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamations 20-28 and 20-28.1 were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.2 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which I extended to May 11, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28, 20-28.1, and 20-28.2 were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020; however, the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) no longer applied to requests for public records received by an agency electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.3 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions to May 31, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS** on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, as subsequently amended in 20-28.1, 20-28.2 and 20-28.3 were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and



**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28, 20-28.1, 20-28.2, 20-28.3 are amended to recognize the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on June 27, 2020 as described below.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Any public agency, subject to RCW 42.30, is prohibited from conducting any meeting, subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

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**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on June 17, 2020:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety; however, agencies are strongly encouraged to utilize a remote meeting option that complies, to the greatest extent possible, with this statute
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:  
“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:  
“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a

time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on June 17, 2020:

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 29th day of May, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
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Secretary of State



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-28, 20-28.1, 20-28.2, 20-28.3, and 20-28.4**

**20-28.5  
Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-57, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, in Proclamation 20-28.1; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the

COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.2 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which I extended to May 11, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020; however, the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) no longer applied to requests for public records received by an agency electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.3 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions to May 31, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS** on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.4 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions to June 17, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS** on June 17, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28 et seq., are amended to recognize the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, as described below.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Any public agency, subject to RCW 42.30, is prohibited from conducting any meeting, subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include

other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

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**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety; however, agencies are strongly encouraged to utilize a remote meeting option that complies, to the greatest extent possible, with this statute
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
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“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020:

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 18th day of June, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State





**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28 et seq.**

**20-28.6  
Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-61, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.1; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were extended by the leadership

of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.2 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which I extended to May 11, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020; however, the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) no longer applied to requests for public records received by an agency electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.3 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions to May 31, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS** on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.4 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS** on June 17, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.5; and

**WHEREAS** on July 1, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

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I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Any public agency subject to RCW 42.30 is prohibited from conducting a public meeting subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

As an exception to the above prohibition, public agencies holding public meetings in counties currently in Phase 3 of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* may, at their option and in addition to hosting the remote meeting elements described above, include an in-person component to a public meeting if all of the following requirements are followed:

- a) Compliance with all provisions of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found [here](#), including but not limited to the requirements that in-person gatherings are limited to 50 persons, and that all attendees are required to be separated by six feet;
- b) Compliance with all provisions of Proclamation 20-25 et seq. *Safe Start-Stay Healthy*,
- c) Compliance with the *Order of the Secretary of Health* 20-03;
- d) Notice of the physical location shall be included as required by RCW Chapter 42.30;
- e) If an in-person component public meeting is offered, any person wishing to attend the public meeting in person must be able to do so at a physical location meeting all requirements herein, either in a primary meeting location or an overflow physical location that provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time; and
- f) If at any time during the public meeting the in-person component cannot comply with each of the requirements herein, the public meeting (to include the telephonic/remote access portions) must be adjourned, continued, or otherwise terminated. When compliance is restored, the meeting may resume.

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**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2020:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
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- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
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“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
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“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2020:

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
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- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
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  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 2nd day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28 et seq.**

**20-28.7 - corrected  
Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-62, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.1; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19

State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.2 acknowledging the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which I extended to May 11, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020; however, the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) no longer applied to requests for public records received by an agency electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.3 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions to May 31, 2020, as authorized by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS** on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.4 acknowledging the extension of the statutory waiver and suspension therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first, and similarly extending its prohibitions until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS** on June 17, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.5; and



**WHEREAS** on July 1, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.6; and

**WHEREAS** on July 7, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28 et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28 et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein to 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing

the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 8th day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.8**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-64, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, continues to broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 4, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.1; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19

State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, whichever occurs first, with the exception of RCW 42.56.520(1), which the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives extended until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 11, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.2; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspension of RCW 42.56.520(1) in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020 (wherein the waiver of RCW 42.56.520(1) no longer applied to requests for public records received by an agency electronically), and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or May 31, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.3; and

**WHEREAS** on May 29, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 17, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.4; and

**WHEREAS** on June 17, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.5; and

**WHEREAS** on July 1, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.6; and

**WHEREAS** on July 7, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein to until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, in Proclamation 20-28.7-corrected; and

**WHEREAS** on July 30, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waiver and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein to 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020, as described below.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Any public agency subject to RCW 42.30 is prohibited from conducting a public meeting subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

As an exception to the above prohibition, public agencies holding public meetings in counties currently in Phase 3 of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* may, at their option and in addition to hosting the remote meeting elements described above, include an in-person component to a public meeting if all of the following requirements are met:

- a) Compliance with all provisions of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found [here](#), including but not limited to adherence to the requirements that in-person gatherings are limited to the maximum number of persons allowed per the Phase of the county in which the public meeting is being held, and that all attendees are required to be separated by at least six feet and wear a face covering;
- b) Compliance with all provisions of Proclamation 20-25 et seq. *Safe Start-Stay Healthy*,
- c) Compliance with the *Order of the Secretary of Health* 20-03;
- d) Notice of the physical location shall be included as required by RCW Chapter 42.30;
- e) If an in-person component public meeting is offered, any person wishing to attend the public meeting in person must be able to do so at a physical location meeting all requirements herein, either in a primary meeting location or an overflow physical location that provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time; and
- f) If at any time during the public meeting the in-person component cannot comply with each of the requirements herein, the public meeting (to include the telephonic/remote access portions) must be recessed until compliance is restored or if compliance cannot be restored then it must be adjourned, continued, or otherwise terminated.

Remote meeting resources include the Department of Enterprise Services Master Contract for teleconferencing and web-based meeting platforms, which can be found [here](#):

Software Resellers (06016):

<https://apps.des.wa.gov/DESContracts/Home/ContractSummary/06016>

Cloud Solutions (05116):

<https://apps.des.wa.gov/DESContracts/Home/ContractSummary/05116>

Other resources can be found online by searching for free conference call services and for other e-based meeting services. Additional guidance for remote meetings may be found on at the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC, [www.mrsc.org](http://www.mrsc.org)).

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety; however, agencies are strongly encouraged to utilize a remote meeting option that complies, to the greatest extent possible, with this statute
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:  
“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:  
“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020:

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 31st day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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 /s/  
 Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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 /s/  
 Secretary of State





**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.9**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, 20-55 through 20-67, and 20-69 through 20-70,, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, continues to broadly spread throughout Washington State, seriously increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that require any activity that occurs in an in-person setting to prevent further spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations; and

**WHEREAS** on August 31, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein to 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020, as described below.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military

Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 2nd day of September, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-68, and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.10**

**Wildfire-Related Exemptions to  
Open Public Meetings Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the continued high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, 20-55 through 20-64 and 20-69 through 20-71, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State by limiting person-to-person contact through social distancing and limiting in-person interactions. I issued Proclamation 20-25, et seq., which during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and limitations, and then transitioned to a phased reopening of counties in accordance with specific guidance issued by my office and by the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers,

suspensions, and prohibitions, the most recent of which is Proclamation 20-28.9, issued on September 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of multiple large on-going wildfires, abnormally dry weather conditions, and periods of exceptionally high temperatures throughout the state of Washington creating widespread high-risk fuel conditions, on August 19, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-68, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, since I issued Proclamation 20-68, Washington State has experienced new wildfires which were caused or exacerbated by an historic wind event that brought high winds and low humidity from the east to the west, and conditions that will increase the difficulty in containing current wildfires and the risk of new wildfires starting and spreading are predicted to continue through September 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to being a fundamental part of open government, open public meetings are essential to provide the people of Washington with timely and accurate information regarding wildfires and COVID-19, to provide them with answers to their questions, to enable public bodies to conduct business in response to the ongoing emergencies, and to dispel misinformation that may be spread through social media or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to damaging homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, infrastructure, agriculture, and natural resources, ongoing wildfires have also interrupted or degraded telecommunications (to include internet) services necessary to hold public meetings remotely as envisioned in Proclamation 20-28, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable necessary public meetings in areas where telecommunications services have been interrupted or degraded, a modification of the prohibitions and guidance set forth in Proclamations 20-28, et seq. (most recently restated in Proclamation 20-28.8), is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic are emergencies that continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, and are therefore public disasters that affects life, health, property, or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situations, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments, and Proclamation 20-68 and all amendments, remain in effect, and that the prohibitions in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended as described below to allow, with conditions, in-person public meetings to take place in communities where the ongoing

wildfires have interrupted or degraded telecommunications services to a degree that remote meetings as envisioned by Proclamation 20-28, et. seq., are not feasible.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

The prohibitions contained in Proclamations 20-28, et. seq., relating to public meetings held in areas where telecommunications services (to include internet services) have been interrupted or degraded by wildfires occurring in the summer and fall of 2020, are modified as set forth in the exceptions below (*Note: This Proclamation 20-28.10 is excluded from references herein to “Proclamations 20-28, et. seq.”*):

Applies only When Telecommunications Services are Interrupted or Degraded and No Alternative Meeting Site is Available.

The exceptions to the prohibitions of Proclamations 20-28, et. seq., contained herein are applicable only if the following conditions are met:

1. Telecommunications services in the area where the public meeting takes place and/or the area where the substantial majority of the persons affected by the public meeting live have been substantially interrupted or degraded to the extent it is impractical to hold the public meeting consistent with the provisions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq.
2. No alternative meeting site is available, in or outside of the jurisdiction, that: (a) is reasonably accessible to persons affected by the actions to be considered at the public meeting, (b) meets the social distancing requirements in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., and attached guidance for those physically at the alternative meeting

location, and (c) has sufficient telecommunications service to conduct a remote meeting in accordance with Proclamation 20-28, et. seq., and attached guidance.

3. The presiding official of the public meeting certifies on the record or in writing that the conditions of paragraphs 1 and 2, above, have been met.

Applies only to Emergency Actions and Necessary and Routine Actions.

The exemptions contained herein apply only to those “actions,” as defined in RCW 42.30.020, that are necessary and routine, or are matters necessary to respond to impacts (direct or indirect) from or related to the COVID-19 outbreak and/or wildfires occurring in the summer and fall of 2020. All other “actions” must be taken at meetings that comply with the requirements of Proclamation 20-28, et seq.

Exemptions from Prohibitions.

In circumstances in which this Proclamation 20-28.10 applies, public meetings are exempt from all prohibitions and restrictions on in-person public meetings contained in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., and accompanying guidance documents, subject to the following conditions:

1. To the extent practicable, the public meeting shall comply with all provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., and the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found [here](#), including but not limited to adherence to the requirements that in-person gatherings are limited to the maximum number of persons allowed per the Phase of the county in which the public meeting is being held, and that all attendees are required to be separated by at least six feet and wear a face covering (*Note: If no indoor space is available that meets applicable distancing requirements, the public meeting can and should be held outdoors*);
2. To the extent practicable, notice of the meeting shall comply with the requirements of Proclamation 20-28 et seq., and shall, in all cases, be given in such a way as to provide as much actual notice as reasonably possible given the circumstances to those affected by the action(s) to be considered at the public meeting. (*Note: RCW 42.30.080 (4) waives notice requirements “in the event a special meeting is called to deal with an emergency involving injury or damage to persons or property or the likelihood of such injury or damage, when time requirements of such notice would make notice impractical and increase the likelihood of such injury or damage.”*); and
3. To the extent practicable, those wishing to participate and/or attend the public meeting (to include the press) shall be allowed to do so, to include allowing persons to attend the meeting by listening and speaking through operable telecommunications devices (examples include using an attendee’s cell phone with service to connect to a conference calling service, or allowing persons to call in using the cell phone of an audience member whose phone has service).
4. A recording or transcript of the meeting shall be made available, as soon as is practicable, through the public agency’s website or through other means readily available to the public.

Ratification of Actions. All “actions” taken by a public agency under the exemptions granted herein that do not comply with the provisions of Proclamation 20-28, et. seq., with attached guidance, must be ratified by the public agency at its first regularly-scheduled meeting occurring after the expiration of this Proclamation 20-28.10, using procedures that comply with the provisions of Proclamation 20-28, et. seq.

Expiration. The exemptions contained herein shall expire on the earlier of (1) the date when telecommunications services have resumed to a degree that holding public meetings consistent with the prohibitions set forth in Proclamation 20-28, et seq. (excepting this Proclamation 20-28.10), is no longer impractical; or (2) rescission of this Proclamation 20-28.10; or (3) 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020, unless extended by subsequent proclamation.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 16th day of September, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
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PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-68, and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.11**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the continued high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, 20-55 through 20-67, and 20-69 through 20-71, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State by limiting person-to-person contact through social distancing and limiting in-person interactions. I issued Proclamation 20-25, et seq., which during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and limitations, and then transitioned to a phased reopening of counties in accordance with specific guidance issued by my office and by the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, open public meetings are a fundamental part of open government and are essential to provide the people of Washington with timely and accurate information regarding wildfires and COVID-19, to provide them with answers to their questions, to enable public bodies to conduct business in response to the ongoing emergencies, and to dispel misinformation that may be spread through social media or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable necessary public meetings in areas where telecommunications services were interrupted or degraded due to wildfires, on September 16, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.10 modifying the prohibitions and guidance set forth in Proclamations 20-28 and prior amendments; but today, those telecommunication interruptions due to wildfires are no longer present, so those modifications to 20-28 initially outlined in 20-28.10 are not necessary at this time and are not further extended here; and

**WHEREAS** on October 1, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on November 9, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situations, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments remain in effect, and that the prohibitions in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on November 9, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein, with the exception of the new prohibitions included in 20-28.10 as a result of telecommunication disruptions caused by wildfires, until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on November 9, 2020, whichever occurs first.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The

Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 2nd day of October, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
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PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.12**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State by limiting person-to-person contact through social distancing and limiting in-person interactions. I issued Proclamation 20-25, et seq., which during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and limitations, and then transitioned to a phased reopening of counties in accordance with specific guidance issued by my office and by the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, open public meetings are a fundamental part of open government and are essential to provide the people of Washington with timely and accurate information regarding wildfires and COVID-19, to provide them with answers to their questions, to enable public bodies to conduct business in response to the ongoing emergencies, and to dispel misinformation that may be spread through social media or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable necessary public meetings in areas where telecommunications services were interrupted or degraded due to wildfires, on September 16, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.10 modifying the prohibitions and guidance set forth in Proclamations 20-28 and prior amendments; but today, those telecommunication interruptions due to wildfires are no longer present, so those modifications to 20-28 initially outlined in 20-28.10 are not necessary at this time and are not further extended here; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide greater opportunity for the public to engage its governing bodies, it is critical that we continue to strive to explore ways to identify and allow for safe in-person interactions between Washingtonians and their public officials; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, to assist in the implementation of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., it is appropriate to restate in one document the prohibitions and the statutory waivers and suspensions currently in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situations, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments remain in effect, and that the prohibitions in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 restated herein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies

and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Prohibition:

Any public agency subject to RCW 42.30 is prohibited from conducting a public meeting subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

Exemption from Prohibition:

As an exception to the above prohibition, public agencies holding public meetings in counties currently in Phase 3 of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* may, at their option and in addition to hosting the remote meeting elements described above, include an in-person component to a public meeting if all of the following requirements are met:

1. Open public meetings shall comply with all provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., and the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found [here](#) including but not limited to adherence to the requirements that in-person gatherings are limited to the maximum number of persons allowed per the Phase of the county in which the public meeting is being held, and that all attendees are required to be separated by at least six feet and wear a face covering. For meetings held either indoors or outdoors, six feet of physical distance must be maintained by all attendees, and all attendees must wear a face covering. (*Note: If no indoor space is available that meets applicable distancing requirements, the public meeting can and should be held outdoors*); and

2. Any person wishing to attend in person a public meeting with an in-person component must be able to do so at a physical location meeting the requirements herein, either in a primary meeting location or an overflow physical location that provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time; and
3. If at any time during a public meeting the in-person component cannot comply with each of the requirements herein, the public meeting (to include the telephonic/remote access portions) must be recessed until compliance is restored or if compliance cannot be restored then adjourned, continued, or otherwise terminated.
4. The public agency holding an in-person public meeting shall accommodate, to the extent practicable, those wishing to participate in and/or attend the public meeting (to include the press) by allowing persons to attend the meeting by listening and speaking through operable telecommunications devices (examples include using an attendee's cell phone with service to connect to a conference calling service, or allowing persons to call in using an attendee's cell phone with service).

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety;
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:  
“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:  
“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay

necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 10th day of November, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05 and 20-64, et seq.**

**20-64.3**

**Public Records Act – Contact Tracing – Personal Information**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, an effective response to the COVID-19 epidemic requires public health professionals and others working with them to interview those infected with COVID-19 and trace their close contacts in order to provide guidance to, quarantine, and test those individuals for infection to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 disease, and this must be done by collecting the names and personal information of these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the response to the COVID-19 epidemic depends in large part on the free flow of information and individuals' willingness to share information and cooperate with public health authorities, which would be significantly hindered if this personal information was required to be disclosed to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, under RCW 42.56.360(2) and RCW 70.02.050(2)(a), any health care information that health care providers are required to report to the government, including information about individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, is plainly exempt from disclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, while there are specific express exemptions for other case investigation and contact tracing information, including RCW 70.02.220(7) and RCW 70.24.022(3), which specifically, and broadly, exempt all information gathered in the course of a contact investigation related to sexually transmitted diseases that are reported to public health agencies, there is no express exemption from disclosure for case investigation and contact tracing information generally; and

**WHEREAS**, while RCW 42.56.230(1) provides reasonable grounds for withholding from disclosure case investigation, contact tracing, and visitor and customer log information as personal information in files maintained for “patients or clients” of “public health agencies,” the courts have not interpreted the meaning of the term “client” or ruled on the application of this exemption to case investigation, contact tracing, or visitor, customer log, and employee log information, and the Public Records Act is liberally construed in favor of disclosure, and its exemptions are narrowly construed, to promote open government policies; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 42.56.270(1), and, as an “other statute” in RCW 42.56.070(1), chapter 19.108 RCW, the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, provide reasonable grounds for withholding from disclosure visitor and customer log information that is collected by businesses and provided to a public health agency for contact tracing following a new case of infection as proprietary information and research data, the courts have not ruled on the application of these exemptions to visitor and customer log information, and the Public Records Act is liberally construed in favor of disclosure, and its exemptions are narrowly construed, to promote open government policies; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Public Records Act and related “other statutes” strongly suggest the intent to exempt the personally identifying information of persons contacted by COVID-19 case investigators and contact tracers, and also exempt visitor or customer log information that a business might share with contact tracers, whether this information is exempt remains uncertain in the absence of specific statutory definitions or exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, while there are arguments that support the position that COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing information, and the personally identifiable information that is gathered as a part of that work, is already exempt under the Public Records Act, ensuring the protection of a person’s personally identifiable information may determine whether that person will fully cooperate with COVID-19 case investigators and contact tracers; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-64, et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially-numbered proclamations; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-64, et seq., were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remain a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-05 and 20-64, et seq., are amended to (1) continue to recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein until termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military

Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 10th day of November, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
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PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.13**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Washington State by limiting person-to-person contact through social distancing and limiting in-person interactions. I issued Proclamation 20-25, et seq., which during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances and limitations, and then transitioned to a phased reopening of counties in accordance with specific guidance issued by my office and by the Washington State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, open public meetings are a fundamental part of open government and are essential to provide the people of Washington with timely and accurate information regarding wildfires and

COVID-19, to provide them with answers to their questions, to enable public bodies to conduct business in response to the ongoing emergencies, and to dispel misinformation that may be spread through social media or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable necessary public meetings in areas where telecommunications services were interrupted or degraded due to wildfires, on September 16, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28.10 modifying the prohibitions and guidance set forth in Proclamations 20-28 and prior amendments; but today, those telecommunication interruptions due to wildfires are no longer present, so those modifications to 20-28 initially outlined in 20-28.10 are not necessary at this time and are not further extended here; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide greater opportunity for the public to engage its governing bodies, it is critical that we continue to strive to explore ways to identify and allow for safe in-person interactions between Washingtonians and their public officials; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, to assist in the implementation of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., it is appropriate to restate in one document the prohibitions and the statutory waivers and suspensions currently in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situations, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments remain in effect, and that the prohibitions in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 restated herein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on December 7, 2020, whichever occurs first.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*

and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

Prohibition:

Any public agency subject to RCW 42.30 is prohibited from conducting a public meeting subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

Exemption from Prohibition:

As an exception to the above prohibition, public agencies holding public meetings in counties currently in Phase 3 of the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* may, at their option and in addition to hosting the remote meeting elements described above, include an in-person component to a public meeting if all of the following requirements are met:

1. Open public meetings shall comply with all provisions of Proclamation 20-25, et seq., and the *Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan* found [here](#) including but not limited to adherence to the requirements that in-person gatherings are limited to the maximum number of persons allowed per the Phase of the county in which the public meeting is being held, and that all attendees are required to be separated by at least six feet and wear a face covering. For meetings held either indoors or outdoors, six feet of physical distance must be maintained by all attendees, and all attendees must wear a face covering. (*Note: If no indoor space is available that meets applicable distancing requirements, the public meeting can and should be held outdoors*); and
2. Any person wishing to attend in person a public meeting with an in-person component must be able to do so at a physical location meeting the requirements herein, either in a primary meeting location or an overflow physical location that

provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time; and

3. If at any time during a public meeting the in-person component cannot comply with each of the requirements herein, the public meeting (to include the telephonic/remote access portions) must be recessed until compliance is restored or if compliance cannot be restored then adjourned, continued, or otherwise terminated.
4. The public agency holding an in-person public meeting shall accommodate, to the extent practicable, those wishing to participate in and/or attend the public meeting (to include the press) by allowing persons to attend the meeting by listening and speaking through operable telecommunications devices (examples include using an attendee's cell phone with service to connect to a conference calling service, or allowing persons to call in using an attendee's cell phone with service).
5. County and other local election canvassing boards performing operations related to the 2020 general election are exempt from the prohibitions set forth in this Proclamation to allow them to perform their operations openly and transparently, provided that such boards must (a) permit all persons entitled by law to observe such operations access sufficient to conduct such observation, and (b) follow Department of Health and Department of Labor and Industries guidelines related to facial coverings, social distancing, sanitizing, and other protective measures enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety;
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:  
“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:  
“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”



**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only
- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 12th day of November, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State



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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.14**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, I issued Proclamations 20-25, et seq., first entitled *Stay Home – Stay Healthy*, which initially prohibited all people in Washington State from leaving their homes except under certain circumstances, and which I later amended to *Safe Start – Stay Healthy” County-By-County Phased Reopening*, gradually relaxing those limitations based on county-by-county phasing; and, on November 16, 2020 I again amended 20-25, et seq., to *Stay Safe– Stay Healthy - Rollback of County-By-County Phased Reopening Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak Surge*, in response to a large surge of new cases of COVID-19, increased hospitalizations and ongoing COVID-19 related deaths in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-28, et seq., were again extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2021, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide greater opportunity for the public to engage its governing bodies when public health circumstances safely allow, while continuing to maintain critical social distancing and other requirements to prevent further spread of the virus, it is necessary that I amend the prohibition on open public meetings to exempt from this prohibition all meetings as allowed in guidelines for “business meetings”, found in the “Miscellaneous Venues” guidance, and as incorporated into the Proclamation 20-25 et seq., *Stay Safe – Stay Healthy - Rollback of County-By-County Phased Reopening Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak Surge*; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, to assist in the implementation of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., it is appropriate to restate in one document the prohibitions and the statutory waivers and suspensions currently in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situations, and under RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments remain in effect, and that the prohibitions in Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions of RCW 42.56 and RCW 42.30 restated herein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2021, whichever occurs first, (2) similarly extend the prohibitions herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on January 19, 2021, whichever occurs first, and (3) amend a prohibition herein as set out below.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State

Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), I find that RCW 42.30, as applied to all public agencies statewide, involves the conduct of state business, and to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, and I hereby amend Proclamation 20-05, and 20-28 et seq., to prohibit public agencies as follows:

**Prohibition:**

Any public agency subject to RCW 42.30 is prohibited from conducting a public meeting subject to RCW 42.30 unless (a) the meeting is not conducted in-person and instead provides an option(s) for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and may also include other electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

**Exemption from Prohibition:**

As an exception to the above prohibition, public agencies holding public meetings may, at their option and in addition to hosting the remote meeting elements described above, include an in-person component to a public meeting if all of the following requirements are met:

1. The open public meeting complies with the guidelines for “business meetings”, found in the “Miscellaneous Venues” guidance [here](#), as incorporated into the Proclamation 20-25 et seq., *Stay Safe – Stay Healthy - Rollback of County-By-County Phased Reopening Responding to a COVID-19 Outbreak Surge*; and
2. Any person wishing to attend in person a public meeting with an in-person component must be able to do so at a physical location meeting the requirements herein, either in a primary meeting location or an overflow physical location that provides the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time; and
3. If at any time during a public meeting the in-person component cannot comply with each of the requirements herein, the public meeting (to include the telephonic/remote access portions) must be recessed until compliance is restored or if compliance cannot be restored then adjourned, continued, or otherwise terminated; and
4. The public agency holding an in-person public meeting shall accommodate, to the extent practicable, those wishing to participate in and/or attend the public meeting (to include the press) by allowing persons to attend the meeting by listening and speaking through operable telecommunications devices (examples include using an attendee’s cell phone with service to connect to a conference calling service, or allowing persons to call in using an attendee’s cell phone with service); and

5. County and other local election canvassing boards performing operations related to the 2020 general election are exempt from the prohibitions set forth in this Proclamation to allow them to perform their operations openly and transparently, provided that such boards must (a) permit all persons entitled by law to observe such operations access sufficient to conduct such observation, and (b) follow Department of Health and Department of Labor and Industries guidelines related to facial coverings, social distancing, sanitizing, and other protective measures enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I continue to find that strict compliance with the following portions of statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended:

- RCW 42.30.030 – the following words only:  
“and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided in this chapter”
- RCW 42.30.040 – in its entirety;
- RCW 42.30.050 – as to the following word only: “room” in the first sentence
- RCW 42.30.070 – as to the following word only: the first usage of “site” - in the fourth sentence
- RCW 42.30.075 – as to the following words only:  
“Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.”
- RCW 42.30.080(2)(c) – as to the following words only:  
“Prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.”
- RCW 42.30.090 – as to the following words only:  
“on or near the door of the place where the regular, adjourned regular, special, or adjourned special meeting was held.”

**FURTHERMORE**, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(2)(g), I find that RCW 42.56, as applied to all public agencies statewide involves the conduct of state business and I also continue to find that strict compliance with the following statutory and regulatory obligations or limitations will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in responding to public records requests by bringing people in contact with one another at a time when the virus is rapidly spreading, and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended

- RCW 42.56.080(2), as to the following words only:
  - “Agency facilities shall be made available to any person for the copying of public records except when and to the extent that this would unreasonably disrupt the operations of the agency.”
  - “in person during an agency's normal office hours, or”
- RCW 42.56.090, as to the first sentence only

- RCW 42.56.100, as to the following word only in the first sentence: “full”
- RCW 42.56.520(1), as to the following words only in the second sentence:
  - “Within five business days of receiving a public records request,”
  - This statutory suspension at 42.56.520(1) does not apply to requests for public records received by an agency electronically.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 8th day of December, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING AND EXTENDING  
PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.15**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; too

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2021, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-21, et seq., were extended by Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402 until the termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all

amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are amended to (1) recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the Washington State Legislature until termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions therein until termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 19th day of January, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty-One at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State



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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402**

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**State of Washington**

**67th Legislature**

**2021 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Llias, Dhingra, Nobles, and Saldaña

Read first time 01/12/21.

1 WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued  
2 Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties  
3 throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus  
4 disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, As a result of the spread of COVID-19 throughout the  
6 state of Washington, the Governor exercised his emergency powers  
7 under RCW 43.06.220(2) to order the waiver or suspension of certain  
8 statutory obligations or limitations that prevented, hindered, or  
9 delayed necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

10 WHEREAS, Under RCW 43.06.220(4), no such order may continue for  
11 longer than 30 days without legislative approval to extend; and

12 WHEREAS, When the legislature is not in session, legislative  
13 approval to extend such orders must be given in writing by the  
14 majority and minority leaders of the senate and the speaker and  
15 minority leader of the house of representatives; and

16 WHEREAS, Legislative approval to extend the following order to  
17 January 16, 2021, was given in writing by the majority and minority  
18 leaders of the senate and the speaker and minority leader of the  
19 house of representatives: 20-79; and

20 WHEREAS, Legislative approval to extend the following orders to  
21 January 19, 2021, was given in writing by the majority and minority  
22 leaders of the senate and the speaker and minority leader of the  
23 house of representatives: 20-15, 20-20, 20-23, 20-28, 20-30, 20-31,

1 20-32, 20-36, 20-41, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-48, 20-49, 20-51, 20-52,  
2 20-56, 20-59, 20-64, 20-65, 20-66, 20-69, and 20-74; and

3 WHEREAS, Legislative approval to extend the following orders to  
4 January 30, 2021, was given in writing by the majority and minority  
5 leaders of the senate and the speaker and minority leader of the  
6 house of representatives: 20-82 and 20-84; and

7 WHEREAS, When the legislature is in session, legislative approval  
8 to extend such orders must be given by adoption of a concurrent  
9 resolution;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
11 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
12 following orders issued by Governor Jay Inslee in response to the  
13 COVID-19 state of emergency are hereby extended until the termination  
14 of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until  
15 rescinded by gubernatorial or legislative action, whichever occurs  
16 first:

17 Proclamations 20-15, 20-20, 20-23, 20-28, 20-30, 20-31, 20-32,  
18 20-36, 20-41, 20-43, 20-44, 20-45, 20-48, 20-49, 20-51, 20-52, 20-56,  
19 20-59, 20-64, 20-65, 20-66, 20-69, 20-74, 20-79, 20-82, and 20-84.

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING  
PROCLAMATION 20-05 and RESCINDING PROCLAMATION 20-28, et seq.**

**20-28.16**

**Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act Proclamations**

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; too

**WHEREAS**, to enable public meetings to occur while maintaining the social distancing and limitations on in-person interactions necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19, on March 24, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-28, prohibiting in-person meetings and waiving and suspending laws and rules concerning RCW 42.56, the Public Records Act, and RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, that hindered conducting public meetings remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-28, et seq., have been periodically extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives, and which I have acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein in subsequent sequentially numbered proclamations, which proclamations also contained modifications and guidance regarding the waivers, suspensions, and prohibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2021, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-21, et seq., were extended by Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402 until the termination of the state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first; and

**WHEREAS**, to fully extend Proclamations 20-28, et seq., it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1329, which, in part, authorized public agency governing bodies to hold public meetings remotely in certain circumstances and after a local, state or federal state of emergency has been declared; and

**WHEREAS**, although the COVID-19 disease continues to persist as an ongoing and present threat in Washington State, the measures we have taken together as Washingtonians over the past 24 months, including the willingness of Washingtonians to take advantage of the remarkable, life-saving vaccines being administered throughout the state, have made a difference and have altered the course of the pandemic in fundamental ways; and

**WHEREAS**, although Department of Health statistics reflect the continued persistence of COVID-19 and support the continuation of the state of emergency, health experts and epidemiological modeling experts believe that as a state we have made adequate progress against COVID-19 to begin rescinding or modifying amendatory proclamations related to specific health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to address the impacts and long-term effects of the emergencies on Washington State and its people.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that Proclamations 20-28, et seq., are terminated and rescinded effective 12:01 A.M. on June 1, 2022.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires.

I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the Department of Health, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division,

and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 29th day of April, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty-Two at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State