



## UPdates for May 22, 2020

### Apply for PPP Loan Forgiveness

Businesses that received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans may now submit an **application for loan forgiveness** to their lender or the lender servicing the loan. The amount of loan forgiveness is based on three key factors:

- The borrower's expenditures during the eight weeks after the loan was made;
- The amount, if any, by which the maximum loan forgiveness will be reduced because of lower employment, salaries and wages;
- Adherence to the 75 percent rule that requires that at least three-quarters of eligible loan forgiveness expenses went towards payroll costs.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has produced a helpful guide to PPP Loan Forgiveness. **Download it** here to help you (and your lender) complete the application accurately.

### Pierce County Offers Free Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Pierce County is providing free personal protective equipment (PPE) to county businesses to help them comply with COVID-19 workplace safety practices designed to protect employees and customers. This program is funded through \$158 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal dollars.

The PPE will be available while it lasts and includes disposable, non-surgical masks and no-touch infrared forehead thermometers. Businesses that request PPE will receive additional details regarding how to pick up their supplies anytime between June 1- 3 at locations in Pierce County.

To receive this free equipment, businesses must complete a **PPE Request Form** and indicate the type of PPE needed. For more information, contact the **Pierce County Economic Development Department** at 253.798.6150.

## Health Department Creates COVID-19 Dashboard

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has created a comprehensive dashboard for those who want to track the number of **cases and deaths related to COVID-19 in Pierce County**. The dashboard provides data by municipalities as well as unincorporated areas of the county. The data is updated daily and includes information on new daily cases as well as estimated recovery counts.

As of 2 p.m. today, Friday, May 22, the data reveals there have been 60 reported cases of COVID-19 in University Place with two deaths.

## Continue to Watch the City's COVID-19 Business Support Page

Don't forget to check out the Economic Development Department's special **COVID-19 Business Support** page on the City of University Place website. We update it regularly with information we receive so that it can serve as a repository of critical information and resources for local businesses.

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