



City of Stanwood. 10220 270<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

---

Contact: Jennifer Ferguson  
360-454-5209  
[Jennifer.Ferguson@ci.stanwood.wa.us](mailto:Jennifer.Ferguson@ci.stanwood.wa.us)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 9, 2020**

---

### **City of Stanwood to declare state of emergency while monitoring county and local conditions on COVID-19**

(Stanwood, WA)- Mayor Kelly has signed a state of emergency declaration today, March 9<sup>th</sup>, similar to Snohomish County and other Snohomish County cities who have emergency declarations over the last weeks. Stanwood's emergency declaration supports the county's request for state and federal funding to insure we are all working together to protect residents.

"The public should know that .....there is one confirmed corona virus case in the city and currently no known exposures at this time". "This emergency declaration is a proactive step in ensuring we have resources if the virus becomes a challenge. At Stanwood City Hall, we are increasing the cleaning of all city facilities and in conjunction with North County Fire and EMS, we have activated the Stanwood EOC at a level 3, which is monitoring by applicable department heads and EOC Manager. NCFE is prepared and we continue to remind the community based on the available evidence, the COVID-19 virus is transmitted between people through close contact and droplets, not by airborne transmission. The people most at risk of infection are those who are in close contact with a COVID-19 patient or who care for COVID-19 patient. Be diligent in:

- performing hand hygiene frequently with an alcohol-based hand rub if your hands are not visibly dirty or with soap and water if hands are dirty;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- practicing respiratory hygiene by coughing or sneezing into a bent elbow or tissue and then immediately disposing of the tissue;
- wearing a medical mask if you have respiratory symptoms and performing hand hygiene after disposing of the mask;
- maintaining social distance (a minimum of 1 m) from individuals with respiratory symptoms.

For additional information on how to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please contact the Snohomish Health District at <https://www.snohd.org/484/Novel-Coronavirus-2019> or 425-339-5200.