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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

County Health Board suspends nonessential commission & committee meetings

BELLINGHAM, Washington, March 12, 2020 - The Whatcom County Board of Health (County Council) unanimously approved a motion to immediately suspend all meetings of county boards and commissions not dealing with emergent health or safety issues until such time as they can be held online.

The Health Board is following the current [recommendation of the County Health Department](#) to cancel or postpone large group events by suspending nonessential meetings of its citizen volunteer boards, commissions, and advisory committees that are not directly related to public health and safety. In addition to taking this proactive step to protect the community, this suspension will allow many board, commission, and committee members in the public health and emergency response communities to focus on Covid-19 response.

The County is currently working on its technical capacity to hold certain meetings via teleconference or videoconference if necessary. All meetings that are required to follow Open Public Meetings Act requirements will continue to do so.

For more information on specific boards, commissions, and committees, please visit the County [Boards and Commissions webpages](#). For more information on the Health Board's action, contact the Council Office during business hours at council@co.whatcom.wa.us or 360-778-5010.

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