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## **Whatcom County Government Opens Offices Following Governor's Announcement that the State is Open as of June 30**

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Commencing July 1, Whatcom County Government Offices will be re-opening as follows:

The courthouse building will be open to the public 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Auditor, Treasurer, Assessor and Council offices will be open from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Executive Office will be open, but will close from 12 to 1 p.m.

The Planning and Development Services office on Northwest; the Public Works Offices and the County Health Department will all be opening by appointment only. The County Parks office at 3373 Mt. Baker Highway will be open to the public during regular office hours. All other parks facilities are open.

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office is open to the public, as are all the courts – District Court, District Court Probation, Superior and Juvenile Court. Jury trials have resumed on a limited basis. Please refer to the County website for specifics on operating hours.

It is anticipated that the Health Department, Planning and Development Services and Public Works will continue with limited public access through the remainder of this year, with full resumption of services by January 1, 2022.

County government offices will still follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and will follow the guidance provided by the Washington State Department of Health. Proof of vaccination will not be required. Unvaccinated individuals are expected to wear masks. If you are visiting a county office or building please adhere to the rules posted, and be respectful of the rules of the room you are in.

"I am grateful to all users of County services for their patience in navigating our pandemic-mitigation measures," said County Executive Satpal Sidhu. "It's a relief to see COVID cases down and vaccination rates continuing to improve, which allows us to start shedding some of these constraints and serve the public in a more customary manner."

The County website will continue to be updated with the individual office schedules. If you have questions regarding specific department availability please call that office directly.

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