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### **COVINGTON PROCLAIMS AN EMERGENCY, TAKES STEPS TO HELP MINIMIZE THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19**

Covington, WA – Today, Covington City Manager Regan Bolli issued a proclamation declaring an emergency in Covington due to COVID-19. The purpose of the emergency proclamation is to allow the city to better manage and coordinate emergency efforts if needed and to continue functioning with essential city services.

Additionally, the city announced cancellation of parks and recreation programs and rentals along with the closing of the Covington Aquatics Center through March 31 in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to comply with the emergency measures announced by Governor Jay Inslee and Public Health – Seattle & King County.

Effective Friday, March 13, the Covington Aquatic Center will be closed to the public and any aquatics programs, lessons, open swims and rentals for the remainder of March are canceled. The Spring Soccer season has been canceled and recreation programming occurring at city facilities are also canceled. Some recreation programs that are run by contractors and occur outside of city facilities may continue at the discretion of the contractor. Participants already registered for programs will be contacted by Parks and Recreation Department staff for refund/credit options.

City Hall will remain open and continue to conduct business but public access will be limited to the foyer. The permit counter and reception desk will not be accessible in person, but can be reached by phone. Any reservations made for the Community Room for the remainder of March are being canceled.

While these measures are currently effective through March 31, the city will reassess and determine if any extensions are needed as the month goes on and at the direction of public health department or Governor's office.

Updates from the City regarding COVID-19 can be found at [www.covingtonwa.gov/alert\\_details.php](http://www.covingtonwa.gov/alert_details.php).  
For more information on COVID-19 from the public health department and county, please visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/covid](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid).

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