



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of January 4 - 10

Have an update
for the next
newsletter?

Email communityresources@oppco.org
by 1/14 at 12 PM

Helpful Resources

Community Resource
Center

Available by phone
M-Th 9am-4pm, F 9am-12pm
360-734-5121 ext. 0

Community Resources
During COVID-19

whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Food and Meal Guide

whatcomabc.org/food-access

NEW STIMULUS HIGHLIGHTS

A second stimulus package was recently passed, allotting \$900 billion in aid to people and businesses. Some highlights of the bill include:

- \$600 Economic Impact Payments for income eligible individuals, as well as a \$600 payment for each dependent child under 17. Additionally, this second round of payments expanded eligibility to mixed-status immigrant couples if one partner has a valid social security number. Find more EIP information [here](#)
- \$300 weekly enhancement to unemployment benefits through 3/14
- \$25 billion for rental assistance. Additionally, the CDC moratorium on evictions was extended through 1/31
- SNAP benefits increased by 15% for 6 months, and P-EBT benefits expanded to include children under 6 who receive EBT

Read more about the stimulus bill [here](#)

HEALTHY WASHINGTON

Roadmap to Recovery Plan

Gov. Inslee announced a new COVID-19 phased recovery plan this week. Beginning 1/11, the state will follow a regional recovery approach, with every region beginning in Phase 1. Whatcom County is part of the North Region, along with Island, San Juan, and Skagit counties. To move from Phase 1 to Phase 2, the entire region must show a decreasing trend in two-week rates of COVID-19 cases and hospital admissions, ICU total occupancy of less than 90%, and COVID-19 test positivity rate of <10%. Phase 1 mostly aligns with current restrictions (with some exceptions), but Phase 2 guidelines will significantly lessen restrictions. Read more [here](#)

COVID-19 Resources

Unified Command
whatcomcovid.com

Whatcom County Health Department
whatcomcounty.us

COVID-19 Vital Information in 36 Languages
informingfamilies.org

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Icon Key:

 Asset Building

 Updated/New resource

 3-in-30 Survey

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- [Opp.Co. Energy Assistance scheduling will resume 1/11](#)
- [SHIBA offering free webinars to answer Medicare questions](#)
- [Equity Learning Collective winter session registration open](#)
- [Whatcom County Council is seeking applicants for new Child and Family Well-Being Task Force](#)
- [Honoring MLK Jr. virtual event 1/19 \(registration required\)](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

 2021 Poverty/Opportunity Federal Policy Landscape
1/14, 8-9:30am | [Webinar Registration](#)

Are We Facing an Eviction Tsunami?
1/26, 10-11:30am | [Webinar Registration](#)

Zooming in on Disability: Funding & 40 Years of Advocacy
1/27, 5:30-7pm | [Webinar Registration](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Northwest Workforce Council
[Multiple Openings](#)

Northwest Youth Services
[Multiple Openings](#)

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