



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER


Week of February 1 - 7

Newsletter Guide

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 Asset Building Opportunity

 New/Updated Resource

 3-in-30 Survey

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BASIC FOOD UPDATES

The Basic Food program (Food Stamps/EBT) has seen many updates and changes to help alleviate food insecurity throughout the pandemic. Some important recent updates include:

- New option to securely upload verification documents online
- Food/Cash reviews due in Jan. or Feb. have been granted a 4 month extension, and mid-certification reviews are waived through 6/2021
- New Interactive Voice Response System allows clients to choose self-service or assisted service when calling DSHS. Self-service available 24/7
- All households have been approved to receive a temporary 15% benefit increase through June 2021
- The P-EBT program has received approval for the 2020-21 school year. More information will be coming soon directly from schools
 - P-EBT cards will be mailed to the address the school has on record, so it is vital for families to make sure their school has the most up to date address on file

[Read more](#) about how COVID-19 has impacted the Basic Food Program.

 For the latest Basic Food news, visit whatcomabc.org/basic-food-updates

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LAYOUT CHANGES

Take a look at the updated sidebar section

Thanks to your feedback, we have made some changes to the sidebar section of the newsletter. Our goal is to improve your reading experience, and make important information easier to find. Check out the new resources we have added, and be on the lookout for more guides and vital information coming to the sidebar soon. As always, we welcome your input.

Resource Guides

Food and Meal Guide

whatcomabc.org/food-access

Homeless Housing Guide

whatcomabc.org/homeless-housing

2021 Tax Guide

whatcomabc.org/taxes

Whatcom County COVID-19 Resources

Resources During COVID-19

whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Whatcom County Health Department

[Testing](#)

[Vaccine Information](#)

[Data Dashboard](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

News, announcements, & community updates

- NEW** • [Opportunity Council Housing Pool informational poster: please feel free to hang this 11x17 poster at your workplace](#)
- [Healthcare special enrollment period open 2/15 - 5/15](#)
- [WTA Transit Scenarios Survey open until 2/17](#)
- [DSHS IdentiCard program has resumed service](#)
- [Volunteer Center: Random Acts of Kindness Bingo to thank those who volunteer \(or want to volunteer\) in Whatcom](#)

INDUSTRY LIBRARY

Reports, articles, & tools for providers

- \$** • [A New Framework for Positive Financial Futures](#)
- [As Vaccine Rollout Expands, Black Americans Left Behind](#)
- [Finding the Courage to Ensure We All Have a Place to Live](#)
- [New Playbook Presents Housing as a Fundamental Right](#)
- [The Lasting Impact of Covid-19 on Homelessness in the US](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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