



COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER

Week of August 24 - 30

Have an update for next week's newsletter?

Email
communityresources@oppco.org
by 9/3 at 12 PM

Helpful Resources

Community Resource
Center

Available by phone
M-F, 9 AM-4 PM
360-734-5121 ext. 0

Community Resources
During COVID-19

whatcomabc.org/covid-19

Food and Meal Guide

whatcomabc.org/food-access

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

COVID-19 has highlighted many inequities facing low income individuals and families. Among them, **access to reliable internet has surfaced as a major area of concern** now that many people need to work from home, schools have moved online, and many healthcare and other services are now virtual.

Currently, Washington State is working to identify gaps in high-speed internet service to **work towards universal broadband access in WA by 2024**. Please help them accomplish this goal by taking this [1 minute survey](#).

Locally, Comcast is expanding access to its [Internet Essentials](#) program by **providing 2 months of free service to new customers**, and revising eligibility criteria so **more households can qualify**.

To learn more about how universal broadband access can level the playing field and improve health outcomes for all:

- Report: [Digital Prosperity: How broadband can deliver health and equity to all communities](#)
- Webinar: [Can We Alleviate Racism and Systemic Inequality by Expanding Broadband During COVID-19?](#)



Ensure your unhoused clients are COUNTED THIS YEAR



The [Service-Based Enumeration](#) count of people who are unhoused is scheduled for 9/22- 24. There are concerns that not all organizations who work with people who are unhoused have been contacted, so there is a state-wide effort to reach out to networks to see who has or has not been approached by the Census Bureau. **If your organization works with people who are unhoused, please take a moment to fill out [this survey](#) by September 1st**. The results will be shared with the Census Bureau to aid in their efforts for a complete count.

COVID-19 Resources

Unified Command
whatcomcovid.com

Whatcom County Health Department
whatcomcounty.us

COVID-19 Vital Information in 36 Languages
informingfamilies.org

Newsletter Guide

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Icon Key:

 Asset Building

 Updated/New resource

 3-in-30 Survey

COMMUNITY NEWS BULLETINS

- [Community COVID-19 Testing Program Expands](#)
-  [IRS: Unemployment Compensation is Taxable](#)
- [WTA Will Not Begin Collecting Fares 9/20, Fares Remain Free Until Further Notice](#)
- [Port of Bellingham and WTA Begin Transportation Service from Point Roberts](#)
- [Payments on Federally-Held Student Loans Suspended](#)
-  [Opp Co. Offering More Rental Assistance: flyer now available in English, Spanish, and Russian](#)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES


Advancing the Response to COVID-19 (Virtual Symposium)
9/17, 12-6 PM | [Register Here](#)

WTA 2040: Transit Survey
[English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#)

Helping Consumers Claim the Economic Impact Payment
9/3 or 9/8, 11:30 - 1:30 PM | Register Here: [9/3](#), [9/8](#)

INDUSTRY LIBRARY

Reports, articles, & tools for providers

-  [Race, Ethnicity and Disability: The Financial Impact](#)
A new brief from the National Disability Institute
[Challenging COVID-19 Narratives](#)
Digital series

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