

Legislative Update:

The Legislature passed an emergency COVID 19 funding bill appropriating \$200M from the State rainy day fund. It contains a provision ensuring that high school seniors on track to graduate this year are not adversely affected by the extended school closures. Info on this provision here:

<http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Amendments/Senate/2965.E%20AMS%20WELL%20S7632.3.pdf>

Additional guidance on this from OSPI here:

https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/communications/COVID-19%20in%20Schools_Parent%20Guide.pdf

Other items mentioned by Governor Inslee in his press conference on 3-13-2020 include:

1. Federally mandated SAT testing still currently planned to go on this spring, for juniors and seniors.
2. All State mandated standardized testing is cancelled (e.g., SBAC, and other State mandated standardized testing)
3. We should be prepared that it is possible the school closures could extend till summer, and possibly even into the Fall semester, if epidemic control measures warrant.

Video of press conference:

<https://www.tvw.org/watch/?clientID=9375922947&eventID=2020031168>

Summary of major legislation passed by the Governors office here:

<https://medium.com/wagovernor/legislative-session-ends-on-time-provides-funds-for-homelessness-transportation-739ed1aa930e>

Detailed summary of gun violence prevention bills passed and failed here:

<https://gunresponsibility.org/blog/2020-legislative-victories/>

While some progress was made, the major climate recovery bill failed; details here:

<https://www.climatesolutions.org/news/news-releases/2020-washington-state-legislative-session-ends-climate-failure>

Getting to Yes on free COVID 19 testing!:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHEH3TnRmrQ>

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