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Mayor Franklin’s statement in response to Governor Inslee’s new guidelines for state Safe Start plan

EVERETT, Wash. – City of Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin issued the following statement in response to new guidelines announced today by Governor Jay Inslee for counties to restart their economies.

“I’m grateful for Governor Inslee’s continued leadership and commitment to ensuring a science-based and data-driven response to COVID-19 in our communities. This approach includes making adjustments along the way as we learn more about what we’re facing and how to deal with it. The new criteria announced today gives counties more flexibility to reach the different phases in the governor’s Safe Start reopening plan and represent a balanced approach to protecting our community’s health and spurring economic recovery. The City of Everett will continue working with our Snohomish County partners towards a sustainable and responsible safe start.

As part of that sustainable and responsible safe start, we will continue to encourage businesses and organizations to follow all safety procedures and phase recommendations coming from the governor’s office. Our new [Getting to Safe Toolkit](#), launched in partnership with the Snohomish Health District, provides small businesses and organizations tools to plan and prepare for their safe reopening.

Members of our community have a role to play too and I’ll continue to encourage each and every Everett resident to keep following public health guidelines, practicing good hygiene, keeping a safe distance from others, and covering their faces when out and about and in proximity to others.

We’ve made it this far; it’s so important that when we do enter the next phase, we don’t ever go back.”

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