



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05 and
RESCINDING PROCLAMATION 20-74, et seq.**

20-74.4

**Behavioral Health Association, Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program and
Residential Treatment Facilities – Operations and Visitation**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who live and work in congregate settings, and many residents, patients and staff are at increased risk for severe COVID-19, including individuals in facilities administered by the Department of Social and Health Services Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), those facilities operated for the Children's Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP) as contracted by the Health Care Authority (HCA), and Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) as licensed by the Department of Health (DOH); and

WHEREAS, facility residents, staff, vendors, and visitors can introduce COVID-19 into a BHA, CLIP, or RTF and start an outbreak or spread an existing outbreak into a new population; and

WHEREAS, congregate settings have experienced both the earliest and some of the most severe outbreaks of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, I previously issued Proclamations 20-06 and 20-16, which were consolidated with other orders into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., waiving and suspending specified statutes and rules, and prohibiting specified activities related to congregate living and care facilities and other subjects; and

WHEREAS, because the waivers, suspensions and prohibitions consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., addressed a variety of topics some of which are also addressed by other proclamations, orders and guidance documents, I issued Proclamations 20-63, 20-65, 20-66, and

20-74 that divided some of the waivers, suspensions and prohibitions consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., into their topical areas and cross referenced applicable orders and guidance documents to assist in the understanding, administration and implementation of those waivers, suspensions and prohibitions; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the prohibitions and the statutory waivers and suspensions in the proclamations consolidated into Proclamation 20-52, et seq., and the prohibitions and the statutory waivers and suspensions in Proclamation 20-74, et seq., have been amended and extended by statute and further extended by legislative action; and

WHEREAS, although COVID-19 continues as an ongoing and present threat in Washington State, the measures we have taken together as Washingtonians over the past 27 months, including the willingness of most Washingtonians to take advantage of the remarkable, life-saving vaccines being administered throughout the state, have made a difference and have altered the course of the pandemic in fundamental ways; and

WHEREAS, while COVID-19 appears to be here to stay, recent advances in medicine, including the availability of COVID-19 boosters, vaccines for children 6 months and older, and antivirals are reasons to be hopeful that we will have the tools to protect ourselves and communities from severe disease and death to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, although Department of Health statistics reflect the continued persistence of COVID-19 and support the continuation of the state of emergency, health experts and epidemiological modeling experts believe that as a state we have made adequate progress against COVID-19 to rescind and/or modify amendatory proclamations related to specific health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the Department of Social and Health Services have worked diligently to establish a glidepath for licensed health care facilities and professionals to come back into compliance with statutes and rules that were waived or suspended and the prohibitions established in Proclamations 20-74 and 20-52, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim

