



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

COVID-19 Coronavirus

In compliance with the Delegation of Authority Resolution No. 1172. adopted by the Commission on January 7, 2020, Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Resolution No. 894 adopted by the Commission on June 10, 2008, and Washington state statutes RCW 39.04.020, RCW 39.04.280, and RCW 53.08.120, the CEO/Executive Director of the Port of Everett declares an emergency situation exists which presents a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions or will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life.

The World Health Organization has declared a pandemic for the novel coronavirus 19 (COVID-19). Since January 2020, more than 7,000 people have died from the pandemic worldwide: 42 of which are in Washington State.

On February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee declared a State of Emergency for Washington State, closing schools in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties and banning events and gatherings over 250 people.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee ordered the closure of ALL schools in Washington State until April 27, 2020.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency to free up federal funds to quickly respond to the pandemic.

On March 16, 2020 Governor Inslee order restaurants to limit in-person dining, and bars, entertainment and recreational facilities were ordered closed, and banning gatherings of 50 or more.

On March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued guidance limiting gatherings to 10 people, among other guidance consistent with Governor Inslee's order.

To assist in this effort, and in an abundance of caution, the Port is implementing its "Level 1 Emergency Operations" protocol which includes reduced operations and telecommuting effective March 17, 2020. In addition, the CEO/Executive Director authorizes the use of electronic signatures for contracts using DocuSign, holding the next Special Commission meeting telephonically, and not requiring the meeting to be recorded (meeting minutes will be taken).

In addition, the CEO/Executive Director waives the competitive bidding requirements and authorizes the award of necessary contracts to address the immediate needs of this emergency and directs the Port to implement its Large-Scale emergency response procedures.

This emergency declaration shall remain in effect until further notice is given, pursuant to my judgement, that the state of emergency no longer exists.



Lisa Lefeber, CEO/Executive Director
Port of Everett

Dated this 16th day of March 2020.