COVID-19 Impacts to Seattle Special Events and Event Business

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Current City of Seattle Assembly Restrictions

1. State “Stay at Home” through 4/4/20
2. City assembly bans through 4/13/20
3. Public Health social distancing requirements
Current City of Seattle Permit Process

1. No permits issued for events 4/13/20 or earlier
2. Special Event Committee and Parks accepting and considering events 4/14/20 and later
3. Events after 4/13/20 are cancelling on their own decision
4. Special Event Committee developing cancellation and reschedule review process
Seattle OED Weekly Webinars and Updates

Weekly webinars for small business owners

11:00 AM Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Relief for small businesses

1. Deferral of B&O taxes
2. Expansion of Small Business Stabilization Fund
3. Assistance to access SBA loans
4. Relief for Utility Payments
5. New Small Business Recovery Task Force
6. Temporary moratorium halting residential evictions
7. Temporary moratorium halting commercial evictions
Additional Resources

- Expanded Use of Paid Sick and Safe Time (PSST) Ordinance
- 2nd Round of Emergency Fund for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 fund
- SBA disaster loans open
- How Unemployment Insurance Can Help Businesses and Employees
- Economic impact analysis update
Economic Impact Analysis

• Announced 3/17; partnership between The City of Seattle, Greater Seattle Partners, and the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

• Goal: identify early local and regional effects of COVID-19, inform strategies for regional economic recovery and development, and maximizing and allocating badly-needed federal and state recovery aid.

• [Website Link]
Transitioning to Recovery

• Special Events Committee and City leadership
• ASSET group
• Alignment with lobbying groups and Commissions
  • Events and Venues
  • Seattle Music Commission
  • Film Task Force
  • Seattle Arts Commission
Other Resources

- Guidance from ESDWA for Workers and Businesses:
  [https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19](https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19)

- Governor’s Office regarding business assistance:
  [https://www.governor.wa.gov/node/439842](https://www.governor.wa.gov/node/439842)

- Recommendations for Retail Food Establishments from King County:

- Information on HR 6074 – Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020: