



Fire Marshal's Office Service Updates – COVID-19 and Re-Opening Seattle

Update as of May, 2021 – Governor Inslee announced the [Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery](#) plan, which provides some updates to the process and requirements previously in place. The Seattle Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office is providing inspections, permits, certification and plan review services following safe worksite guidelines – see the summary information below and check back frequently for updates. We hope by taking these steps we can help slow the spread of the virus in our community.

Outdoor Dining and Other Outdoor Business/Service During COVID

- Special no fee permits are available for tents and heaters and we have assembled [other helpful information](#). If you already paid for this type of permit since July 1, 2020, refunds will be issued. Contact permits@seattle.gov

Annual Building Inspections – Temporarily Suspended Except High Rise Inspections Will Continue

- Owners, owner's agents and occupiers are responsible for complying with the Seattle Fire Code (Section 101.3).

Certification Examinations – All Services Available, Please [Pre-Book Your Testing Appointment](#)

- Drop-in testing no longer possible. Scheduling ensures sufficient social distancing and safety requirements are met.

Code Complaints – Regular Services Available by [Email](#)

Code Questions – Regular Services Available by [Email](#)

Inspections – Providing Services and Inspections

- **Code compliance inspections, high-rise building inspections, [SFD hazmat/assembly permit](#)** inspections are available in circumstances that comply with the [Governor's Healthy Washington Guidelines](#). Schedule using our regular scheduling process.
- **Construction** – all construction is allowed for businesses that adhere to [strict COVID 19 job site requirements](#) and the City's [requirements for construction projects](#).

Occupant Load – Determining Limits for Healthy Washington

- The City's [general code information](#) will help you determine a standard occupancy load for your business, and further calculate reduced occupancy load maximums. The [Building Department](#) makes final decisions on occ loads.

Plan Review – Regular Services Provided Online and By [Email](#)

- Submit plans and corrections as usual through [Seattle Services Portal](#) and review SDCI's [online services](#).

Systems Testing Guidance – Building Owners Should Continue to Maintain Fire Safe Buildings and Equipment

- Ensure safe work environment for employees and customers - see [guidelines](#) from the State of Washington.
- [Email](#) to request extension for testing in occupancies where there is a public health consideration. Red tags must be repaired. Rangehood inspections may be deferred if your restaurant is closed – let us know by [email](#).
- See also [NFPA Guidance on Testing During Pandemic](#) and [Fire Marshal's Email to ITM Companies](#).

Special Events – Indoor and Outdoor Events Can Resume with Limits

Allowed in Phase 3 with reduced occupant loads and other public health measures from the Governor - [apply](#) here

Walk In Service Counter at 220 3rd Ave South (Fire Marshal's Office) – Closed

- The best method to conduct business with SFD is [email](#). We are actively monitoring all our dedicated email accounts. The City is strongly encouraging employees to work from home. Staffing for phones will be limited and wait times will be longer than usual.