Things are changing daily, from phased reopening to increasing numbers of people contracting COVID-19, to the order on June 26 making mask-wearing mandatory when unable to physically distance from others.

Changes occurred this week to two programs that impact the workforce. The deadline for applying for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans — which go to businesses with fewer than 500 employees — was extended to August 8. And the job search requirement for individuals receiving unemployment benefits was waived until August 1.

Hoping for more good news in the days to come.

Kevin Perkey  
Chief Executive Officer

Responding to Business Needs

Healthcare has long been considered a recession-proof industry, but no industry is COVID-19 proof. Healthcare continues to be a high-demand sector in growth and employment and is projected to bounce back to full employment as we reopen, and customers start to trust in new community safety guidelines. Keeping the education and employment pipeline intact and leading job seekers into living-wage healthcare careers is vital to the long-term success of the industry.

Not all industries will bounce back as quickly. Businesses related to tourism, food service, hospitality, and retail may have a longer road back to full employment leaving many former employees searching for new careers.

This is an opportunity for the workforce system to infuse new talent into the healthcare industry. By sharing information about healthcare growth, opportunities and career pathways with workers laid off from jobs in the service and hospitality
industries and youth who are new to the workforce, we can build a talent pipeline and ensure individuals know about the myriad career options available to them.

We've developed a process to help job seekers from initial inquiry to job placement. Click here to read more.

For assistance with your healthcare workforce needs, contact Sean Moore, Senior Project Manager for Healthcare, at smoore@workforcesw.org or 360.762.8569.

Labor Market: Spotlight on Healthcare

![Healthcare UI Claimants Mar. 8 - June 20, 2020 (Wk 10-24)]
SW WA Healthcare UI Claimants by Occupations Mar. 9- Jun. 20, 2020

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Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations in SW Washington 2020 Q1

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Source: JobsEQ²
Data as of 2020 Q1 unless noted otherwise.
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Services for Adults + Youth

Job search requirements for unemployed waived until August 1

The requirement for individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefits to complete "job search" activities is suspended through August 1. Due to the pandemic, the requirements were waived in March but were scheduled to resume July 1.

Sign up to get alerts when requirements are updated from the Employment Security Department.

Reopening Resources

- Beginning June 26, every Washingtonian in an indoor public space, or in an outside public space when unable to physically distance from others, will be legally required to wear a face covering.

- PPE Supplies
  - AWB PPE Connect – Connects you with manufacturers who supply PPE so you can purchase equipment to safeguard you and your employees.
  - FEMA launched a PPE exchange dashboard to connect private sector sellers and buyers. *Adobe Connect is needed to open the dashboard*
  - Amazon Business COVID-19 Supplies helps direct health and safety products, such as face shields, personal protective equipment, digital thermometers, exam gloves, sanitizers and wipes to organizations on the front lines of the pandemic.

- The Employment Security Department has information for businesses and individuals about returning to work and refusing to go back to work.

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