Inslee issues 'stay-at-home' order for Washington state

It has been made official that **Governor Inslee** has just issued a “**state-at-home**” order, which he calls “**Stay Home, Stay Healthy**” for at least the **next two weeks** for Washington State and only "**essential businesses**" may **remain open to the public.**  The “essential businesses” are modeled on lists developed by the Federal government and California.  Some of these essential businesses include:

* Allowing restaurants to offer take-out and delivery
* Convenience Stores
* Gas stations
* Grocery stores
* Food banks
* Pharmacies
* Banks
* Laundromats
* Among other services

For **businesses** this order **takes place in 48 hours** and **immediately** for **Washington State residents**.

Please note that industries can argue they are essential and can request a special designation as an essential business.  Businesses and entities that provide essential services must implement rules that help facilitate social distancing of at least six feet.

See below news K5 News more details, as well as ,the following link to the Seattle Times article “[Inslee orders Washingtonians to Stay at Home to Slow Spread of Coronavirus](https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/inslee-to-hold-televised-address-monday-evening-to-announce-enhanced-strategies-on-covid-19/)”