**Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) COVID-19 Response**

**DOL driver licensing offices temporarily closing**
Starting tomorrow (March 17th), DOL is temporarily closing its driver licensing offices and other service counters to the public. DOL employees will be working to implement social distancing measures in these offices to protect the health of customers and workers while delivering critical services to the public. DOL offices are expected to resume business Monday, March 23, but residents should be prepared for the possibility of extended closures.

**Governor approves temporary suspension of two RCWs**
Gov. Jay Inslee today signed a statewide emergency proclamation regarding efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, approving the temporary suspension of two provisions in state law. This will allow us to take the following actions to promote social distancing. These waivers are in effect 30 days from their effective dates unless renewed.

- Effective immediately, we will not administer vision tests for driver license applicants. We currently do not have adequate supplies to clean the machines. Additionally, vision exams have a 99.6% pass rate. We believe this move is prudent given the circumstances.

- Effective March 23 (because we need time to implement), more people will be able to renew their driver license or ID card online. Laws and rules were temporarily suspended that require residents to visit an office to renew every other time and prohibited customers over 70 from renewing online.

**DOL emergency rulemaking**
In addition to the measures described above, DOL has filed emergency rules to temporarily (120 days) allow the following:

- Permit cosmetology schools to offer all trainings online.
- Allow driver training schools to provide interactive web-based learning, while granting students more make-up opportunities.