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**Whatcom County Treasurer Temporarily Suspends Passport Processing Service beginning on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Bellingham, WA---Whatcom County Treasurer, Steven Oliver, announced today that his office will be temporarily suspending passport processing services in response to the Declaration of Emergency issued on March 10 by Whatcom County Executive, Satpal Sidhu. In an effort to slow the spread of the emerging novel coronavirus in our community, passport processing services will be temporarily suspended until such time that the Declaration of Emergency is lifted by the County Executive.

“We are taking steps to reduce traffic and close contact at the County Courthouse to protect the health of the community and our employees. Over the past several years, we have processed about 4,000 passport applications annually. We will also be announcing additional efforts soon to help you conduct other business with our office without having to visit the County Courthouse. We are focusing on our core financial services so that we can properly support over 100 public entities in our county during this time of growing uncertainty. We have multiple contingency plans in place,” said County Treasurer Oliver.

If you have an immediate need to obtain a new passport, there are other locations available in the county to process your application. The City of Blaine and Western Washington University are also in the process of temporarily suspending passport processing services. The remaining local processing locations are by appointment only and you should contact them by phone prior to visiting.

Facility Name	Street Address	City	Phone
US POST OFFICE	315 PROSPECT ST.	BELLINGHAM	360-752-9822
CITY OF EVERSON	111 W. MAIN ST.	EVERSON	360-966-3411
US POST OFFICE	701 HARRISON AVE.	BLAINE	360-332-7184
CITY OF SUMAS	433 CHERRY ST.	SUMAS	360-988-5711

Some passport renewals can be done completely by mail. For additional passport application information and forms, please visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/>

If you have additional questions, please call the Whatcom County Treasurer's Passport Line at 360-778-5162 or email us at [treasurer@whatcomcounty.us](mailto:treasurer@whatcomcounty.us)