



## WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-04

### ADJUSTING COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR COVID-19 RECOVERY

**WHEREAS** Whatcom County sustained the highest possible level of service for citizens during the COVID-19 events; and

**WHEREAS** enhancement in on-line services, improvements in County facilities and re-opening plans to match State requirements will now allow many departments to re-open doors for in-person services; and

**WHEREAS**, each Department Head and Elected Official is empowered to provide service to the public on a day-by-day basis based on the following criteria:

1. Determining which essential public services must be provided and plan for maintaining the new level of service
2. Ensuring telecommuting employees meet HR policy
3. Assigning available staff to perform essential public services
4. Posting public hours on the office door and the department's county website home page
5. Ensuring the County Executive's Office is kept apprised of the department's hours of operation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY** virtue of the power vested in me by the home rule charter for Whatcom County, I hereby rescind Executive Order 2021-05, "Adjusting County Operations for Covid-19 Recovery" and Executive Order 2022-02, "Adjusting County Operations Due to the Escalation of Cases From the Omicron Variant of Covid-19" and declare that during the COVID-19 event, and while the County is NOT closed by Emergency Declaration, County operations will resume in-person services as possible by start of business on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

**DATED this 14th day of February, 2022.**

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Approved As To Form:

/s/ Royce Buckingham Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney      Date: 2/14/2022