



# The Dallesport News

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## Washington moves to Phase 2, vaccine distribution remains in 1B

By Jacob Bertram, Columbia Gorge News Updated Feb 16, 2021

The Southwest region of Washington is meeting three of the state's four required targets this week, as it advances — along with the entire state — to Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee's "Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery" reopening plan.

Klickitat County, has seen a decreasing trend in its two-week rate of new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population as well as a two-week decrease in its rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population. It currently maintains a 71 percent capacity in its Intensive Care Units, well below its target of 90 percent, according to a Feb. 11 announcement from the state Department of Health.

It is currently falling short of a fourth target to meet: a seven-day percent COVID-19 test positivity rate of less than 10 percent. The region had a test positivity rate of 14 percent, according to the state Department of Health.

A region must continue to meet at least three benchmarks to remain in Phase 2; if it misses two of four of the metrics, it moves back to the previous phase.

Five regions were initially announced to move forward into Phase 2 last week, a decision that left Yakima, Walla Walla, and the Tri-Cities, which make up the Southeast region, behind in Phase 1. After a data-reporting error was discovered on Sunday, the state announced the region would move into Phase 2 immediately along with the rest of the state.

**The Department of Health's next announcement of phase adjustments is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25.**

### Phase 2

In Phase 2, indoor dining in restaurants is permitted up to 25 percent of indoor capacity. Indoor gatherings are allowed, with a maximum of five people from outside your household, and are limited to two households. Outdoor gatherings can have 15 people present with no more than two households present.

Indoor weddings and funerals are allowed under Phase 2, and must follow venue requirements. Dancing remains prohibited. Low and moderate risk sports are allowed to take place inside again and fitness centers can operate at 25 percent

capacity. Low, moderate and high-risk sports are all allowed outdoors with a 200-person limit, including spectators.

Indoor entertainment establishments, such as movie theaters and museums, can now operate at 25 percent capacity. If food and drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply.

Outdoor entertainment venues such as rodeos and concert venues can host groups of 15 and up to 200 people at once, while limiting groups to no more than two households.

### Are you eligible for a vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Washington is in Phase 1b Tier 1 of the plan. This means the vaccine is available to anyone 65 and older, and all people 50 and older who also live in a multigenerational household. This is in addition to populations eligible during phase 1A including health care workers at high risk for COVID-19 infection, first responders, people who live or work in long-term care facilities, and all other workers in health settings who are at risk of COVID-19.

Washington residents can verify their eligibility by going to [findyourphaseswa.org](https://findyourphaseswa.org) and filling out the form. It asks a series of questions related to the four phases of vaccine distribution (living situation, age, health conditions, risk factors, work situation and zip code) to inform eligibility.

Once you are eligible, you can sign up to be placed on a waitlist through one of three vaccine distributors — North Shore Medical Group in White Salmon, Skyline Hospital in White Salmon, and Klickitat Valley Health in Goldendale. Each have their own set of instructions. For North Shore Medical Group, those eligible for the vaccine can send an email to [covidvaccine@northshore-medical.com](mailto:covidvaccine@northshore-medical.com).

For Skyline Hospital, if you qualify and are within the designated demographic, call **509-493-1051** (due to high volume, your call may not be answered immediately — Skyline administrators request that you leave a message, and call only one time. A representative will get back to you as soon as possible). For Klickitat Valley Health, call **509-773-4029**. KVH has developed a drive-through mass vaccination clinic

program for the general public at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds. Registration is required.

### Three deaths since February

The Klickitat County Health Department (KCHD) was notified of three community member deaths on Feb. 5. All three individuals had underlying health issues that affected their health in addition to having COVID-19. Two of the individuals had recovered from COVID-19, however, their deaths were classified as COVID-related based on national standards.

Two of these community members were from White Salmon. One was 90-years-old and tested positive on Dec. 8. They passed away on Jan. 15 while under hospice care. The other individual was 77 years old and tested positive on Dec. 12. They passed away on Jan. 8.

The third community member was from Glenwood and 71 years old. They tested positive for COVID-19 on Nov. 9 while in Benton Franklin County. This individual was admitted to a Portland area hospital in mid-January and passed away on Jan. 20.

Klickitat County has had a total of 739 COVID-19 cases to date and eight deaths.

You can help slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth when you are in public, washing your hands, and staying home when you are sick. It is also highly recommended that the public avoid large gatherings and events even if they are hosted outside.

If you are currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary care provider about getting tested. COVID-19 symptoms can be different for everyone but generally include some of the following: Fever, chills, headache, muscle aches or pains, sore throat, sinus congestion, dry or productive cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or cramps, loss of smell or taste, and fatigue.

Anyone with symptoms can be tested in Klickitat County by calling to make an appointment at Klickitat Valley Health, Skyline Health, or Northshore Medical Group.

## Dallesport Bridge Project

from ODOT:

Construction will begin soon on U.S. 197 The Dalles Bridge. The project is on schedule to break ground in mid-March, 2021. When work begins, expect to see the following:

Single lane closures controlled by flaggers at night 8PM to 6AM; up to 20 minute delays possible. These closures are on an as-needed basis.

Portable message boards on both sides of the bridge with information about delays and upcoming work.

Construction equipment in the area.

Construction Work

### Contractor Selected

The Dalles Bridge deck replacement project went out to bid in November last year as planned. Hamilton Construction, out of Springfield Oregon, was awarded the contract and has been working with ODOT ever since.

### Weekend Closures

Full weekend closures are still on track to occur after Labor Day 2021 and last until Memorial Day 2022. These closures will occur from 8PM on Thursday evenings to 6AM on Monday mornings. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2022. For more information on closures, visit The Dalles Bridge Project Website.

### Emergency Access

ODOT is working on an agreement with The Corps of Engineers to allow emergency vehicle access across the dam during closure times. More updates on this to come.

## Driver Safety Videos

Whether you'll be behind the wheel or just enjoying the ride, be prepared for the road ahead with AARP Driver Safety's **FREE** educational resources on vehicles, driving and alternative transportation. Our collection of short videos provide a quick and easy way for you to learn about the latest new vehicle technologies, such as:

\*Lane departure warning systems that help with merging and changing lanes

\*Smart headlights that aid in seeing at night

\*Assistive parking systems that make parking easier

Exploring new vehicle technology has never been easier!

<https://bit.ly/3qnOPID>

## Free Tax Assistance

February 1 through April 15.

Print tax forms 24/7 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

The AARP Tax-Aide program, administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS, provides free income tax assistance to ALL taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 or older. Volunteers will assist in preparing basic federal tax forms for personal tax returns. Tax returns are electronically filed as a free service by Tax-Aide.

ALL assistance and returns will be prepared by appointment only in a virtual environment in 2021. There will be no in-person service this year. Email [gorgetaxaide@gmail.com](mailto:gorgetaxaide@gmail.com) to connect with a Tax Law Certified Volunteer. You may also request assistance online at <http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide>

For more information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/3feabc6b001/84a60e81-f8a2-476c-917b-12c10c3a7fad.pdf>

## Identity Theft and Coronavirus Scams:

### National Consumer Protection Week

Workshop for Adults and Seniors

Registration for this event will close on

**March 6, 2021 @ 11:00am.**

Scammers often prey on the vulnerabilities of individuals and the COVID-19 outbreak has created an opportunity for scammers and identity thieves to prey on consumers.

A representative from the [Washington State Attorney General's Office](#) will provide information about price gouging, cancellation issues, and scams -- particularly those related to COVID-19, how you can protect yourself and your loved ones, and how to recover if your identity is stolen or you fall victim to a scam. An opportunity to ask questions and get answers will be provided.

To join this online program, you will need a computer, tablet or phone with a camera and microphone. **The link to join the event will be emailed to registrants.** A phone number will be included to allow you to use a phone as speaker and microphone, if necessary.

<https://bit.ly/3urxivy>

## Library Services Currently Available

Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries is committed to exceptional service to our communities, even during a pandemic. Our staff is providing curbside pickup service to our patrons at all of our locations and we are also sending out books by mail. Library staff are

available to answer questions or provide assistance by phone seven days a week. Even though we are not yet able to open our library buildings to the public, we are busy making sure our communities are being served with online programs and resources, as well as printing services and browsing assistance available through our website. To keep up to date on what services are available, visit our library services page.

## FVRL Newsroom

Find out what's happening at FVRL! Our email newsletter, social media, media coverage, and news releases all give you ways to connect and stay up-to-date.

<https://www.fvrl.org/newsroom>

## Online Library Programs

<https://bit.ly/36m6Nh3>

### Klindt's Bookstore

541-296-3355

315 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles

Hours: Mon. – Sat. 8:00 am– 6:00 pm

Sundays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

### The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library

541-296-2815

[wascocountylibrary.com](http://wascocountylibrary.com)

722 Court Street, The Dalles

### HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed Sunday

**\*FREE wireless Internet access** inside the library and on library grounds.

### White Salmon Valley Community Library

509-493-1132 - Town &

Country Sq. White Salmon

Open Tuesdays 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wed.-Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**\*FREE wireless Internet access**

### [Goldendale Community Library](#)

(509) 773-4487

131 West Burgen Street

Goldendale,

Open M Tu Th F Sat 10am-6:00pm

and 10 to 8 on Wednesdays

Fort Vancouver Regional Library

1-888-546-2707

The Library Bookmobile

### Winter Schedule

**Wednesdays Cancelled**

\*Lyle Merc. 9:30-10:15

\*Book return available at this location

Lyle Community School 10:30-12:30

Dallesport Church of Christ... 1:45-3:00

## Bookmobile

Although you won't be able to come on the bookmobile, we are offering these services:

**Wi-Fi**—We'll be broadcasting Wi-Fi, so you can bring your mobile device and connect to the internet.

## Community Council Report

No Report remitted this month.

### Zoom Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup>. from 3:57pm to 4:27pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7811238189?pwd=NlVmeWF5OUZ5bEpPbU16ejl2TkMwUT09> ([map](#))

Join with Google meet:

[meet.google.com/qgw-mxjj-sos](https://meet.google.com/qgw-mxjj-sos)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dallesport resident **Dennis Miller** on celebrating 25 years driving for Hattenhauer Distribution Co. He did this without any tickets or accidents, and drove 2.7 million miles. Read the full story here.

<https://bit.ly/3cJbkO2>

## Dallesport Water District

P.O. Box 131

Dallesport, WA 98617

If you have any questions regarding your water system, please feel free to contact Dallesport Water District Office: 541-980-6514 [dallesportwater@gmail.com](mailto:dallesportwater@gmail.com) Office Phone Hours: 8 AM to 3 PM Mon. thru Thurs. Dallesport Water District On-Call After Hours Phone: 541-980-6756. Monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM via WEBEX by Cisco

[www.dallesportwater.org](http://www.dallesportwater.org) next meeting  
March 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

"The Dallesport Water District has a mail slot in their building next to the Post Office. You may drop your payments there and save postage."

## New Masks Coming

Vaccinations rates are picking up, and now nearly 1 in 5 adults have had their first shot. The Biden administration announced it will be distributing "no cost, high quality, washable" masks to community health centers and food pantries across the country, supplying masks for 12-15 million Americans. Dr. Fauci announced \$1.15 billion in funding for studying those whose Covid-19 symptoms are not going away.

## Cost of Covid

By Rex Briggs

Did you know each person who gets fully vaccinated generates about \$30,000 in economic value by avoiding all the costs associated with COVID?

COVID has cost each American over \$13k in GDP so far. Added up, that \$4.3

Trillion to date. The cost will grow to about \$6.8 Trillion by the end of this year.

The path back to normal is achieving 70%+ vaccinations. That level of vaccinations would be worth about \$5.9 Trillion by avoiding about 680,000 deaths. I am grateful we have vaccinations that are highly effective with very low incidence of side-effects.

## Wasco County Drops Three Risk Levels to 'Lower'

By GARY A. WARNER Oregon Capital  
Bureau Feb 24, 2021

A steep drop in COVID-19 infections nationwide was reflected Tuesday with 16 Oregon counties improving their infection risk levels. Gov. Kate Brown said Tuesday that 10 of the state's 36 counties were dropping off the extreme risk tier.

Wasco County (The Dalles), made the jump all the way from the worst level, extreme, to the best level, lower, skipping over the "high" and "moderate" categories. Hood River County moved from the "high" risk category to "moderate."

The moves mean that restrictions on businesses, dining and activities will be less strict on Friday for a long list of Oregon cities. The list includes Pendleton, Astoria, Lincoln City, La Grande, Hermiston and Prineville.

Among the larger cities that will see less restrictions are Eugene, Salem, Medford, Beaverton, Albany, McMinnville, Ontario, Oregon City and The Dalles.

"We are seeing great progress in stopping the spread of COVID-19 across Oregon and saving lives," Brown said. "Oregonians continue to step up and make smart choices."

While public health officials are hopeful that the trend will continue as the slow pace of vaccination picks up in coming months. But experts remain concerned about a spate of variants that spread faster and may be more virulent. One first discovered in the United Kingdom has been reported in three cases in Oregon.

The Centers for Disease Control has forecast that the "U.K. variant" could be the predominate infection by the end of March. Another variant, from South Africa, has been shown in early research to be more virulent and deadly, and can possibly bypass the current Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

Both companies are working on revisions of the vaccine to deal with the variants. The CDC has said even if some variants infect those who are inoculated, the vaccine will at least protect against severe and fatal symptoms.

## County risk levels go into effect Friday February 26.

### Eating & Drinking Establishments:

Indoor dining allowed. Indoor capacity not to exceed 50% maximum occupancy. Outdoor dining allowed. Outdoor capacity: 300 people maximum, including individual dining pods. Individual dining pods allowed outdoors subject to outdoor capacity limit. Indoor and outdoor seating: 8 people per table maximum. 12:00 a.m. closing time.

**Indoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments:** (includes gyms, indoor K-12 Sports, fitness organizations, indoor recreational sports, indoor pools = Capacity: Maximum 50% occupancy. Indoor full-contact sports prohibited.

More risks categories here:

<https://bit.ly/3dN6gbZ>

## Vaccine Shipment Delays

The Klickitat County Health Department (KCHD) reported today that severe weather across the U.S. has resulted in COVID-19 vaccine shipping delays. Over the last two weeks, more than 800 COVID-19 vaccine doses had been allocated and scheduled to be sent to Klickitat County vaccine providers but did not arrive. This latest delivery of vaccines were "boosters" or second doses that allow people to complete their vaccination series. Despite the delays, very few Klickitat County residents have had to reschedule their vaccine appointments. Any residents that have had to reschedule due to vaccine shipment delays have already been contacted. The overall impact of these delays has been minimal greatly because of the ongoing partnership and planning between KCHD, Skyline Health, Klickitat Valley Health, and Northshore Medical Group. All of these vaccine providers are working expeditiously to deliver vaccines to residents. These delivery delays have impacted COVID-19 vaccine clinics at most of the vaccine providers in Klickitat County. The delayed shipments are expected to arrive later this week or early next week. Once delivered, all the vaccine providers will work collaboratively to ensure that all the doses are administered to Klickitat County residents promptly. Currently, all Klickitat County providers are focusing vaccine efforts on Phase 1a and 1b, tier one. These tiers include: high-risk healthcare workers, first responders, long-term care facility residents, persons 65 years and older, and those 50 years or older in multigenerational households.

## Lyle Good Food Pantry Updates

Plant a row for us! As you plan your summer garden, please keep the Good Food Pantry in mind and plant an extra row of veggies for us! We love distributing fresh produce to our local residents donated by our kind supporters! It's the best kind of farm-to-table distribution there is!

A special thank you to **Gorge Greens** for putting us on your list to share in your surplus of delicious microgreens when they become available. We are very excited for this partnership and the opportunity to provide such delicious nutrition to our neighbors in Lyle! A shout out to **George Bentz** for your craftsmanship and kindness in co-designing our new Good Food Open street signs. It is so wonderful to have our neighbors step up and lend a hand.

Many thanks to our Dallesport neighbor **Ethel Hoeye** who has consistently donated many dozens of eggs over these past several months.

Please keep us in mind when you want to recycle your paper grocery bags. We go through TONS of them and we love to have plenty on hand. Just drop them off at LAC during our hours of operation or call the number below and we can work out a convenient time for you.

The pantry is always grateful for your donations of food staples or cash to buy them! We are thankful to be a part of WAGAP, which provides healthy staples for each of our distributions. Dry goods donations can be dropped off at the Good Food Pantry in the Lyle Activity Center during our distribution hours. Checks can be made payable to WAGAP, PO Box 805, Bingen WA 98605, and be sure to designate in the memo that it's for the Lyle Good Food Pantry. You can also set up recurring donations (or a single time) through a link from the WAGAP website.

Great news! WAGAP has extended our funding for a full year, through 2021. It is a huge relief to know that we can confidently move ahead with dreams and plans of what Good Food can become. However, a very important part of the 2021 funding rests on the assurance that we will continue to be able to staff our shifts adequately. If you've been thinking about volunteering, now would be a good time to get in touch! It is really not a time-consuming commitment, but it does require reliability. First and Third Wednesdays of each month, shifts are available between 9am and 4:30pm. On one Monday each month, there is a large delivery of food that requires some heavy lifting, between 10am and noon. And, finally, we have little jobs that crop up throughout the month: picking up some food, repackaging some donations, etc.

Call Kate at 509-281-0884 for more information.

And here's even more good news:

The hopes we have for bringing more social services to Lyle through Good Food will also be strengthened by WAGAP. Leslie Naramore, WAGAP's Executive Director, has shared their intention to bring more of their programs to the Lyle Activity Center.

Thank you!

Please note that, as the sun is setting later every day, we will be switching to our SPRING HOURS of 10 am - 1 pm and 3 - 5 pm for the March distribution dates.

Beginning in April 2021, the afternoon hours will return to our original 4pm-6pm. We had changed the hours to accommodate our clients and volunteers during the shorter winter days. We are now slowly moving the afternoon shift to follow the sun!

**Good food pantry: first and third Wednesdays of each month. 10am-1pm, 3-5pm in March 2021 and 4-6pm in April 2021.**

To get in touch with the Lyle Good Food Pantry, call Kate at Good Food, 509-281-0884. Check out our Facebook page, Lyle Good Food Pantry for more information.

Please spread the word, as many in our community may not be aware of this resource for the food-insecure.

### **Goldendale Food Bank**

112 East Main, Goldendale  
Monday 9am - 3:30 pm (closed 12 - 1)  
Wednesday 2 pm - 6 pm  
509-281-2203

### **Lyle Good Food Pantry**

308 Klickitat St, Lyle  
First & third Wednesday  
**March hours:** 10 am - 1 pm & 3 - 5 pm  
509-281-0884

### **Bingen Food Bank**

115 W Steuben St, Bingen  
Tuesday & Thursday 9 am - 3:30 pm  
(closed 12 - 1 for lunch)  
509-493-2662 ext 208

## **Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat Parents, Guardians, and Fans,**

You may have noticed that sports are officially back! We are thrilled to have started our "Fall" sports season in these past couple of weeks. We are happy to be in Phase II currently where competition is allowed. With that, we know many of you are excited to watch our Cougar Athletes compete! Rules have been put in place by the Governor's Office and Department of Health that limits the number of people in attendance at our events, as well as requiring other measures to keep everyone safe.

-- We are allowed no more than 200 people at any event: including athletes, coaches, officials, crew, etc. After reviewing our spaces, and running numbers of participants, we know we have a limited number of tickets available for each game to go to our "community". We are prioritizing the family of our athletes as the recipients of these tickets.

All tickets must be distributed free of cost to the athlete 1-2 days prior to the game. These tickets, with the complete attestation on the back, is required for entry. We will not be giving extra tickets at the door. No exceptions -- and please keep track of those tickets you are given!

-- In addition to new ticket procedures, including completing the COVID attestation on the back of the ticket, we will also be having a sign-in sheet and taking temperatures at the door. Masks will be required at all times and we will also be enforcing 6-foot distancing between households in the stands.

-- Due to the limited seating in the bleachers it is first come first serve, so please be prepared to make other seating arrangements.

One warning will be given to those who do not comply with the 6-foot distancing rule. If that warning is not heeded, you will be asked to leave the facility. We hope that these rules will be followed so we can continue to have our athletes compete.

We want to kindly remind you that the true purpose of these events is to create memories for our student athletes. These experiences teach them lifelong lessons, improve mental health and provide a healthy outlet. The league has worked very hard to allow for parents to be included in this experience during COVID.

We are asking you to please comply with all the requirements to ensure these activities continue. If you can't comply or don't agree with the requirements, we are asking you to stay home. We want you to be aware that if our audience can't follow the requirements of mask wearing and social distancing at the event, the event could be cancelled or immediately suspended by the supervisors. We are asking you to help us in making this a great and worthwhile event for our student athletes.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email us. We want to make the best of this challenging situation and we think that we can do that by working together.

Please read the full letter from the Athletic Directors of Lyle, Wishram and Klickitat schools.

# LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

## Read Across America Day History

Read Across America Day seeks to promote reading. This day is organized by the National Education Association. They created the observance in 1997 with the objective of motivating American children to read. According to the National Education Association, children who spend more time reading do better in school. Read Across America Day is celebrated annually on **March 2nd**, in memory of children's author Dr. Seuss' birthday.

## The Kids Will Be Fine

To all those parents trying desperately to do learning at home, I had a parent tell me this week " I missed 4 years of school in Bosnia during the war. 4 whole years with a war happening. I came to Australia at age 13 with no English and no schooling since I was 8. I'm 33 and I have a university degree and a very good career. The kids will be fine."

Don't sweat it. Every kid in the world is in the same boat. They aren't missing out and they aren't in a war zone.

Chill. Their teachers are doing the best they can. You are doing the best you can. They are children. What they want is to feel safe and loved.

### TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

- Spend quality time with kids.** When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.
- Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.**
- Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.**
- When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.**
- Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.**
- If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.**
- Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.**



### Be 2 Weeks Ready

Keep 2 weeks of supplies at home. Remember your pets!



Prepare in a Year

DisasterReadyWashington.com

Stay connected on [Lyle School District's Facebook page](#) or on our website at [Lyle School District](http://www.lyleschools.org) [www.lyleschools.org].

(Klickitat, Lyle Against Substance Abuse Coalition)

5 - 6:30 pm Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month. Alternates between Klickitat and Lyle The Library Bookmobile--- Winter Schedule **Cancelled** Wednesdays. **Cancelled**

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Dallesport Church of Christ...1:45-3:00

Dallesport PTO Meeting Tue., 2:45pm - 3:45pm

Monthly on the first Tuesday **Cancelled**

School Board meetings will be held @ 6pm on the fourth Wednesday



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ALL assistance and returns will be prepared by appointment only in a virtual environment in 2021. There will be no in-person service this year. Email [gorgetaxaide@gmail.com](mailto:gorgetaxaide@gmail.com) to connect with a Tax Law Certified Volunteer. You may also request assistance online at <http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide>

For more information:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/3feab66b001/84a60e81-f8a2-476c-917b-12c10c3a7fad.pdf>

## **State Parks Free Days**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will offer two free days in January, when visitors to state parks will not need a Discover Pass for day-use visits.

• **Friday, March 19** — State Parks' 107th Birthday

## **Second Saturday at WAAAM**

### **Air & Auto Museum**

**March 13, 2021 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Second Saturday of each month the WAAAM Air and Auto Museum opens the doors to roll out and run some of its antique airplanes and cars. Visitors watch airplane operations up close and may get to ride in old cars too. Open 9-5. Activities 10-2. Lunch 11-1. Free parking. WAAAM is located three miles from downtown Hood River at 1600 Air Museum Road, Hood River, OR 97031. Call (541) 308-1600 for more information or visit [www.waaamuseum.org](http://www.waaamuseum.org)

## **Cooking With KLASAC**

**March 18, 2021 5:00pm**

Sign up and receive a meal kit to cook with your family. You will have the option to join other community members via Zoom to learn and cook together. If you are unable to join online, you will receive written directions and/or the option to view a video so you can still cook and enjoy a meal together with your family. Limited space, please sign up early.

Call Sheila at 509-316-9523 and leave a message or email

[klasacoalition@gmail.com](mailto:klasacoalition@gmail.com)

We need contact name, phone number, address, student's name (if you have a child in Klickitat or Lyle School - for delivery purposes)

## **Well Connected Community**

Well connected is a phone and online program offering activities, education, friendly conversation, and an assortment of classes and support groups to older adults accessible from the comfort of home.

Our community consists of participants, staff, facilitators, presenters, and other volunteers who, and who value care about each other, and we value being connected to engaging content, and to each other.

Well Connected members can play a game, learn a language, write a poem, go on a virtual tour, meditate, share a gratitude, get support, and most importantly, connect and engage with others every day across the country.

All groups are accessible by phone or online.

Well Connected is a Community Service of Covia and is Free of charge to all participants over the age of 60.

### **Something for Everyone**

Whether you like art or zoology, music or meditation, there is a program for you. Each Well Connected session offers groups and classes on a wide range of topics. And Well Connected meets 365 days a year.

### **How does it work?**

Well Connected members call in via a toll free number at a set time each week, with some groups also offering the option to connect via computer, tablet, or mobile device. Most groups last 30 minutes to an hour with around 12 participants.

Newcomers are always welcome! If you don't feel like talking at first. You're welcome to just listen as long as you let the group know you're there.

If you're ready to register, please contact us at 877-797-7299, or [coviaconnection@covia.org](mailto:coviaconnection@covia.org)

You can also volunteer to lead your own Well Connected group.

## **Senior Meals**

Klickitat County Senior Services has expanded the hot home delivered meal services. (Meals on Wheels) during the Covid-10 period due to our congregate meal site locations being closed.

Meals are provided to seniors (60+) and spouse or caregiver in home with senior as follows:

Frozen home delivered meals anywhere in Klickitat County.

Hot meals at 12-noon on Mondays and Wednesdays delivered within 30 miles of our kitchen in White Salmon.

Hot meals at 12-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays delivered within 30 miles of our kitchen in Goldendale.

Seniors can arrange a curbside pick up of a hot meal at our White Salmon or Goldendale locations on the hot meal days if preferred.

Call Klickitat County Senior Services to sign up: Goldendale 509-773-3757.

White Salmon 509-493-3068

Toll Free: 1-800-447-7858

## **Economic Impact Payment**

Your stimulus payment could be an EIP card instead of direct deposit or check. Here's why

The House of Representatives intends to vote on Friday (Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.) the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package that includes a third stimulus check for up to \$1,400 per eligible American. But some people may be surprised to learn that their money might not arrive by direct deposit or as a mailed paper check, and instead as an Economic Impact Payment debit card.

An economic impact payment card is a prepaid debit card that the US Treasury used to distribute some stimulus payments under the March CARES Act and the December stimulus bill, as an alternative to distributing the money by direct deposit or a paper check. The cards were provided to some eligible US residents the government didn't have banking information for.

These Visa debit cards can be used to make purchases, get cash from in-network ATMs and transfer funds to your personal bank account without a fee. If you're sent one, after the card arrives, head to the EIP card website to activate it and learn more about how to use it.

<https://bit.ly/3pYBIMa>

We won't know anything definite until Congress passes a final stimulus bill and President Biden signs it into law. But it's likely that the IRS would follow a similar process to what it did for the first two checks, and would use EIP cards as a way to get money into the hands of people even if it doesn't have their banking information on file.

One new wrinkle this time around: If Congress follows the timeline it has laid out to pass a new bill, the third round of checks could get sent out during tax season, which would come with its own set of rules and pitfalls. It's likely that Congress would use whichever tax return it has on file most recently, which could be your 2019 or 2020 return, to determine your payment.

To increase your chances of your third check arriving through direct deposit, we recommend filing your taxes as soon as possible, and setting up direct deposit with the IRS.

# Dallesport-Murdock Community Calendar

Dallesport-Murdock Fire Dept. KCFD#6  
630 Central Ave. P.O. Box 215 767-1252

Dallesport-Murdock Community Council  
136 6th Ave. P.O. Box 8

Post Office hours are 8am-2pm M-F Sat. 7:30am-11:00 for package pick up only Phone 767-1577

## March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA Meetings Wednesdays and Sundays 7pm Lyle School Library 625 Keasey 360-870-3321 <b>Cancelled</b>	1	2 Senior Lunch Lyle <b>Cancelled</b>	3 Lyle Good Food Pantry 10am-1pm & 3-5pm  World Wildlife Day	4	5	6
7	8  International Women's Day	9 Senior Lunch Lyle <b>Cancelled</b>	10	11 Community Council Meeting Zoom 3:57pm to 4:27pm	12	13
14 Pi Day   Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16 Senior Lunch Lyle <b>Cancelled</b>  Water Dist. Meeting Webex 6:30pm	17 Fire Dist. Biz Meet 6pm Commissioners Meet 7pm ----- Lyle Good Food Pantry 10am-1pm & 3-5pm  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20   Spring begins
21	22	23 Senior Lunch Lyle <b>Cancelled</b>	24	25	26	27  Passover
28  Palm Sunday	29  Vietnam War Veterans Day	30 Senior Lunch Lyle <b>Cancelled</b>	31	 HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY		

	Town	Positive	Recovered	Deceased	Active Cases	Days Since Last +
<b>Klickitat County COVID-19 Case Counts</b>	Goldendale	232	226	3	3	3
	Bingen	69	69	0	0	25
	White Salmon	242	238	4	2	8
	Husum	7	7	0	0	65
	Trout Lake	14	14	0	0	25
	Dallesport	33	33	0	0	28
	Wishram	8	8	0	0	57
	Klickitat	10	10	0	0	49
	Alderdale	36	36	0	0	22
	Lyle	31	30	0	1	4
	Roosevelt	15	15	0	0	40
	Bickleton	17	17	0	0	32
	Glenwood	19	18	1	0	46
	Centerville	1	1	0	0	32
Wahkiacus	1	1	0	0	83	
Appleton	4	4	0	0	62	
<b>Total</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>		

**Updated on 2/24/2021.**

We are writing to let you know that the Governor's office has informed us that Klickitat County will remain in Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington reopening plan for at least the next two weeks. Thank you for your time and patience.

**Burn Ban has been lifted. Please stay safe and burn responsibly when permitted.**

To have a Dallesport Newsletter delivered to your inbox each month, please email Renee Briggs at [lrbriggs@gorge.net](mailto:lrbriggs@gorge.net)

Dallesport-Murdock Community Council meetings are on the second Thursday of each month. 7pm at Community Center on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Dallesport

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Printed copies of our newsletter can be picked up at the Dallesport Post Office. It can also be viewed or downloaded on Facebook – "*Dallesport Neighbors*".

**Cancelled until further notice**

**The Library Bookmobile  
Winter Schedule**

\*Lyle Merc. 9:30-10:15

\*Book return available at this location

Lyle Community School 10:30-12:30

Dallesport Church of Christ...1:45-3:00

**Community Center** If you are interested in renting the Dallesport Community Center for your meeting, family reunion, memorial service, birthday party or other function, please contact Jess Jones at 503-440-5941. Rental fees are \$25.00 to \$50.00 a day.