

CHAT LOG

YELM BUSINESS UPDATE

City Yelm (to Everyone): 3:05 PM: Welcome! Mayor Foster and the Chamber team will be making some statements and then will take questions via chat. Please send all chat questions to the organizer only in order to be efficient.

Matt McLellan (to Everyone): 3:16 PM: If someone knows anybody who is elderly or has a faulty immune system and is too worried or incapable of going out and getting their own groceries, please text or call me at 360-915-4451. There are volunteers that I can forward you to who are offering to do this shopping for these people.

Ted Tatum (to Everyone): 3:17 PM: JW, How long do you anticipate this closure of businesses to last?

Joshua Crossman (to Everyone): 3:19 PM: what's the number they are looking for?

Joshua Crossman (to Everyone): 3:20 PM: what metric is being used to lift the ban?

Shane Brant (to Everyone): 3:20 PM: am I allowed to be open as a Portrait Photography studio for now? I'm getting mixed messages

Angela Longnecker (to Everyone): 3:20 PM: If we are currently open does that mean we can remain open or are they talking of shutting down all business?

Denise (to Everyone): 3:20 PM: Was there any conversation about part-time employees receiving unemployment benefit? My part-time staff who have applied are getting denied at this point.

Shear Purrfection (to Everyone): 3:23 PM: I am still able to work thankfully. Doing curb side check in. is there a way we can pay it forward to help the people not working to pay like Yelm City Water sewer bill. I am trying to practice the other three c's Creativity, Connection, and community. #YelmStrong

Daniel Crowe (to Everyone): 3:24 PM: If the City declared a state of emergency, would that allow us to tap into any additional federal funds or grants? How do we get relief to local small businesses?

City Yelm (to Everyone): 3:24 PM: We will post the link to Employment Security immediately after this meeting.

Daniel Crowe (to Everyone): 3:26 PM: Thanks for the answer. If there is no benefit, then it doesn't make sense to do it.

Lori Shine W/ Shine Specialties & Promotions (to Everyone): 3:28 PM: One of our

employees have already started the process for the unemployment. They do require the employer to provide a predicted re-hire date. They should be able to get benefits for 4 weeks at a time without having to look for other work if she has a return to work date. She is having to stay home with children as well

Molly Carmody (to Everyone): 3:29 PM: Can you remind everyone of the water bill policy - no shutoffs?

Andrew Kollar (to Everyone): 3:29 PM: April 27 might be a good baseline for that unemployment question. That's when schools are scheduled to resume class.

Molly Carmody (to Everyone): 3:30 PM: does that include commercial water accounts as well as residential?

Amber Young (to Everyone): 3:30 PM: Will there be a reconnection fee?

Joshua Crossman (to Everyone): 3:30 PM: without late payment fee?

Angela Clooney-Balanced (to Everyone): 3:30 PM: Is anyone looking into what we are doing with the landlords for all the small businesses that are in the city limits that have to shut down?

City Yelm (to Everyone): 3:32 PM: Joshua, we don't charge late payment fees. If service is disconnected, there is a reconnect fee, but that will not be an issue as we won't shut off service.

Angela Longnecker (to Everyone): 3:33 PM: I've heard there is a madatory shelter coming, any truth to this?

Angela Clooney-Balanced (to Everyone): 3:35 PM: Are we following suit from Olympia and closing the parks?

Amber Young (to Everyone): 3:36 PM: Did you mention, are schools preparing to be closed for the year?

Tess Faughn (to Everyone): 3:36 PM: If there are any small businesses out there that currently have an SBA loan there are different deferral levels depending on the type of SBA. There is a 3 month and 6 month payment deferral options.

Andrew Kollar (to Everyone): 3:37 PM: Andrew from Yelm Community Schools here. Short answer is no, we are planning to return to normal operations on April 27. News is rapidly changing but that is our plan right now.

Tess Faughn (to Everyone): 3:38 PM: Angela Clooney-Balanced - you can get more information at [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov)

Karen Macomb (to Everyone): 3:39 PM: Line, how do we support the Chamber during this time?

Karen Macomb (to Everyone): 3:41 PM: Can we get a list of businesses offering gift cards? Or promote purchasing of gift cards from local small businesses?

George Sharp (to Everyone): 3:42 PM: Mayor Foster, Line and Angie: We are keeping this website update daily for Business resources. We look forward to working with all of you to help the business community.

<https://thurstonedc.com/resources-for-small-businesses-impacted-by-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Lori Shine W/ Shine Specialties & Promotions (to Everyone): 3:44 PM: Can we expect the sign police to relax the rules temporarily so our restaurants and other business can put out directional signs and other communications?

Lori Shine W/ Shine Specialties & Promotions (to Everyone): 3:44 PM: Thank you JW lol

Lori Shine W/ Shine Specialties & Promotions (to Everyone): 3:45 PM: How else can we businesses help?

Scotty (to Everyone): 3:45 PM: I appreciate the leadership provided by Foster, Line, and Angie - it's amazing that we can have this kind of communication and cooperation between city government and city business. Really appreciate all of you and all that you do for our community.

Shear Purrfection (to Everyone): 3:46 PM: This is helping connection, helping community, and creativity.

Andrew Kollar (to Everyone): 3:47 PM: The Rotary has not officially decided to take this on but they would like to provide food over spring break but are worried they won't find the food they need to disperse. if you're interested in helping in this effort, please email me at andrew_kollar@ycs.wednet.edu

Daniel Crowe (to Everyone): 3:47 PM: Does anyone know how long repayment on these SBA loans can be put off? If we have to start repaying them immediately coming out of having to shut down for a couple months, then they are not going to be helpful at all.

Tess Faughn (to Everyone): 3:48 PM: Depending on the type of SBA you can do a 3 month deferral or 6 month deferral.

Scotty (to Everyone): 3:48 PM: The high school is sending out sack lunches for kids by bus to nearby neighborhoods as well.

Molly Carmody (to Everyone): 3:50 PM: It would be interesting for the Chamber to set up a microloan program...

Andrew Kollar (to Everyone): 3:50 PM: Here is the link to the Grab N' Go program <https://www.ycs.wednet.edu/Domain/1031>

Deb Caudill (to Everyone): 3:53 PM: Disasterloan.sba.gov. for businesses.
Homeowners and renters