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CITY OF NORTH BEND

BUSINESS BULLETIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

October
2021

Striving to support a strong local economy and the unique character of the North Bend community.

Quarterly Message from the Mayor



Happy Fall. This is one of the most beautiful times of the year in the Snoqualmie Valley and I hope you're enjoying the colors all around us. The changing colors are a reminder that we are heading into our stormy season when the rain and our notorious gap

winds return. I encourage you to help our Public Works Department by ensuring falling leaves don't block storm drains in your neighborhood. Your neighbors and your streets will thank you.

Here at City Hall, we're back to business as usual. If you remember from my last quarterly update, we reopened City Hall to the public in July. We were one of the earliest cities in our region to accomplish this and were happy to welcome the community and staff back to the building. Yes, we still have to mask up, but we have found it to be a small price in our return to a new normal in serving the community.

Due to the Delta variant, we have not yet returned to in-person City Council, committee and commission meetings. As we've learned throughout

the pandemic, flexibility is our friend. We hope to transition to hybrid in-person/online meetings in the coming months, but until then we will continue to utilize virtual platforms. In the meantime, planning and training for those hybrid meetings is underway – and we appreciate the silver lining in knowing that future hybrid meetings will allow for increased flexibility.

As we move into the last quarter of 2021, we wanted to highlight and share with you City accomplishments that occurred during the past quarter.

Infrastructure

Summer is an active time for road improvement projects in the City of North Bend and this year was no exception. Our Public Works Department was busy overseeing many projects that will make getting around town easier, including a new roundabout at the intersection of North Bend Way and 436th Avenue which is scheduled to wrap up in mid-November; new roadway surfacing on Park Street between Bendigo Blvd and North Bend Way;



Deer family at City Hall



New roadway surface on Park Street

and new channelization striping on Tanner Road. In addition, several transportation capital projects are being engineered such as the roundabout at Bendigo Blvd. and Mt. Si Blvd.



Tanner Road work

Over the summer, Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant High Priorities Improvement Project was contracted, concurrently with engineering and permitting. The project is expected to take two years and when complete in late 2023, will add capacity and redundancy, improve employee safety, increase treatment and hydraulic capacities, replace aging facilities and make important environmental updates that meet strict Department of Ecology requirements to protect the environment and Snoqualmie River.

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Quarterly Message from the Mayor

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We are close to finishing work on the Hobo Springs Water Mitigation Expansion project. A new pump will increase the available supply of mitigation water. As I've mentioned before, we continue evaluating other multiple long-term mitigation water options to meet all future requirements of our Centennial Well Water Right.



The City recently completed a Water Distribution System Leak Study which identified approximately 35 leaks, the majority of which have already been repaired. The remaining are targeted to be repaired by the end of the year. And our crews continue replacing aging water meters in older neighborhoods to help reduce water loss.

We are firmly committed to being good stewards of our local environment, an effort we know many of you join us in. In addition to our leak repairs and mitigation efforts to protect in-stream flows of the Snoqualmie River, the second year of our Water Conservation Ordinance has been successful – something made possible only through your efforts. Additionally, the City joined Seattle Public Utilities Saving Water Partnership, which offers water saving tools and tips, along with valuable rebates, to help us with our year-round conservation efforts. As a City, we feel our water conservation policies set a standard for surrounding cities and thank all of you for partnering with us.

Community Development Projects

So, what's going on around town when it comes to development? There are some projects you may see in construction stages and others still in planning stages. As stated in our Economic Development Goals, these projects will bring jobs, services and housing diversity to our City.

Sitework continues on the Cade Vu condominium project on E. Park Street. These are the first new condos built in the City in approximately 25 years.

Habitat for Humanity recently held the official launch of its new North Bend community called Taylor Town. I was honored to speak at the event and along with your Council, am pleased that this new affordable housing community will provide homes to seven deserving families.



Work on the North Bend Way & 436th roundabout

In the eastern part of town, sitework continues on

the Cedar River Partners project that will bring 212 new multi-family rental homes. The new roundabout at North Bend Way and 436th is being built by this project's developer to mitigate associated traffic. Next year, a new 4-acre City park – called Dahlgren Family Park – will be constructed on adjacent donated land that will have direct access to Tanner Landing Park with its Snoqualmie River access for outdoor enthusiasts.



Karakoram close to completion with construction

King County Loop Facility near Truck Town.

As I'm sure you've heard, a dual-brand Wyndham Hotel has been proposed by a private developer inside the Outlet Mall, located where the Vanity Fair store is situated. The project – which includes 91 rooms under the La Quinta brand and 31 under the Hawthorn brand – is in planning review.



North view drawing of design plans for Wyndham Hotel

Puget Sound Energy is in planning review for a new natural gas workforce training facility. The project located near Nintendo also includes a 72,000 sq. ft. conference center. Planning review is also underway for multiple light industrial/commercial businesses, including SeaCon, Alpental Logistics and Bio-Therapeutics, a medical device maker that is looking to relocate from Seattle to our beautiful city.

Budget

The Finance Department has been busy working on the Mid-biennium adjustment to the 2021-22 Biennial Budget adopted by your Council in late 2020. Unlike last year when we were faced with revenue declines and cutbacks related to the pandemic, this year revenue sources are strong, pivoting in the right direction. In fact, sales tax revenue, which is a major source of our general fund, is exceeding our forecasts. As the economy continues to rebound, the trends in 2021 have been positive, putting us in a much better place than we were just one year ago.

City Council Legislation Wins State Award

Some great news to share: Council legislation adopting Form-based Code for our Downtown Commercial zone was honored by Gov.



Future site of Dahlgren Family Park

Inslee and the Dept. of Commerce with a Smart Communities Award in the Smart Project category. The award-winning North Bend Downtown Commercial Zone project – undertaken by our Planning Department – included innovative form-based code to ensure future redevelopment fits the character of the community and provides more housing options. This is a huge honor for our City and was a collaborative effort of your elected officials and our hard-working staff.

Community Engagement

As we adjust to living in this ongoing pandemic, we're discovering – thanks to vaccinations and public health safety measures – that we can continue our near-normal lives. Here in North Bend zip code 98045, approximately 76% of us are now fully vaccinated and 81% have begun the COVID-19 vaccination process. We're still wearing our masks, but that seems a small sacrifice if it means we can come together as a community on a regular basis, send our children back to the classroom, join our friends for a dinner out at a favorite restaurant, or cheer on our favorite team.



This summer these measures allowed us, in partnership with community organizations, to hold events such as the Meadowbrook Drive-in and Sip, Suds & [Little] Si, which was a well-attended, successful fundraiser for the North Bend Downtown Foundation.



And mark your calendars, on October 16 the North Bend Blues Walk returns with 17 downtown venues and 22 bands. Then on October 30th, Trick or Treat Street returns with over 40 participating downtown businesses. This year the popular event will run in tandem with Si View Park's Harvest Festival, making the day even more spirited for our youngest residents. Holly Days and Light up North Bend will return in December to make the season extra bright. Watch the City website for more details.



As you might have guessed, positivity is in the air here at City Hall. Your City Council, myself, and staff remain dedicated to the livability and character of our small mountain town. It is our unique community that makes North Bend a desirable place to call home and also attracts new families and businesses. We continually strive to make improvements – while at the same time respecting Citizens' voices and our City's history – that we hope enhance your daily lives. This City is our job, and the work of serving our community is something we feel lucky to do.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob

A Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

Greetings North Bend Friends and Neighbors,

October has arrived! Crisp, clean air, vivid hues of scarlet (GO WILDCATS), golden yellows and orange. You know what your NBDF loves most about fall? The gathering of community, storefronts blooming with new décor and enticing shop local promotions – your hard work beautifies our downtown and brings so much joy to residents and visitors alike.



With that, your NBDF is dedicated to investing in the success of Downtown North Bend by creating a vibrant and thriving community. We, alongside the City of North Bend, have been hard at work, welcoming an exciting return to community events in North Bend! In late August, the NBDF hosted a wonderful [Sip Suds & \(Little\) Si](#), with 10 participating venues, lots of local art and music! Community feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we hope that hosting this event during the shoulder season helped provide your business with an economic boost.

We are now, alongside 47 of you, prepping for a full and spirited [Trick-Or-Treat Street](#) on October 30th! From 2 – 6PM, local businesses and nonprofit organizations will be open, receiving little goblins, ghosts and all sorts of colorful creatures at doorsteps and outdoor stations. Sheyenne Leonard and The Latona Family Band will be performing live downtown at the Headquarters station, located at 116 W North Bend Way, and we are working on one more live music location for music along the walk right now.



Our participating businesses and merchants will be dressing up and showing off their storefronts and stations, as the NBDF Merchant Contest will be BACK! This year's local judges will be



touring participating businesses from 2-4PM so please, get your spooky team and storefront ready! Trophies will be awarded for Most Spirited Decor, Best Dressed Team, and People's Choice.



Finally, we will end 2021 with a series of SHOP LOCAL campaigns and our annual outdoor [HOLLY DAYS FESTIVAL](#), on Saturday, December 4th. Mark your calendars...

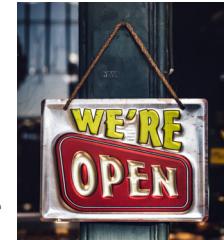
November 26: BLACK FRIDAY
November 27: SHOP SMALL SATURDAY
November 28: ARTIST SUNDAY
November 29: CYBER MONDAY
November 30: GIVING TUESDAY

Your NBDF is a [volunteer-driven organization](#) centered around North Bend's business community. We play a significant role in shaping the image of Downtown North Bend, and we want your voice to be heard, too. If you aren't yet, please consider joining your NBDF. This fall, we are in search of new members!

Want to play a part in beautifying your downtown? We'd love to welcome you to the NBDF Design Committee!

Are you a local influencer that wants to increase support of events, programs, businesses and more? Please join our Promotion Committee!

Do you enjoy delving into hyper local economic development, playing a part in growing our town? If so, the Economic Vitality Committee is for you!



Please email BoardAll@NorthBendDowntown.org for more information.

Sincerely,

Your Downtown Foundation
Lucas Haines, Beth Burrows, Erin Craver, Gaila Haas, Craig Glazier and Kristin Tetuan

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F** NORTH BEND DOWNTOWN FOUNDATION

OCT The Rocky Horror Picture Show

The North Bend Theatre is hosting their annual showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show! Movie, play and audience participation is encouraged. Proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test is required for entry. Click [here](#) for more.

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Halloween Excursion, Steam Train & Santa Train

Enjoy Halloween Excursions with the Northwest Railway Museum on the weekends of Oct. 23-24 and 30-31. Next, hop aboard the steam powered North Pacific 924 train Nov. 6-7!

The Santa Train follows soon after... Click [here](#) for more.



Spooky North Bend

What will Trick-Or-Treat Street Look Like This Year?

Fingers and toes are crossed for a crisp and sunny Trick-Or-Treat Street on October 30th... Rain or shine, we feel confident that families will be out and about, full of Halloween spirit. Read on for tips, other activities and more!

October 30th and 31st will be BUSY, with Si View Metro Parks' annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, from 12 - 4PM, Northwest Railway Museum's Halloween Excursion train ride on Saturday and Sunday and Valley Center Stage's "She Kills Monsters" stage reading by Qui Nyugen on Saturday at 7:30PM!

Trick-Or-Treat Street will be different from the 2020 "Quarantine-O-Ween," where folks turned in pre-bagged treats that were handed out at tables outside, and searched for an elusive (very cute) fox. This year, we return to the OG Trick-Or-Treat Street. Families will be walking through town, stopping at participating business and nonprofits' storefronts or outdoor tables and tents – depending on what groups have chosen to do – and trick-or-treating with them.

Streets will not be closed, but sidewalks will likely be very busy. Signage will be out, reminding drivers to slow down and reminding folks to wear masks.

Signage will also be placed out that reminds visitors of the King County Health Order that takes effect on October 25th. Check out the [KC Toolkit](#) for information about the order. Also, King County notes that businesses and events that are included in the vaccination verification/negative COVID-19 test verification are required to post a poster, that can be found [here](#). Please make sure you confirm whether or not your business is subject to this new Health Order.

This free community event does not fall within the category that must check for COVID-19 or negative COVID-19 test verification, but any participating business that falls within the Health Order must still check as the Order requires, should they invite customers/trick-or-treaters inside their storefront.

Headquarters will be at 116 W North Bend Way, under a large tent. Live music will include Sheyenne Leonard from 2 – 4 PM and The Latona Family Band from 4 – 6 PM, with more live music at the NBDF-sponsored tent that will be near the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum and Wells Fargo!

Are you a participating business or nonprofit? Bre Keveren dropped off supplemental candy and "TRICK OR TREAT HERE" posters this week. Please post in your storefront door or window

today! This poster serves as a marker for kids. Only participating businesses and nonprofits get these posters. The map has been pre-published as well, and we will continue marketing online that you are participating! Please consider doing the same, by tagging one another, sharing the [website](#), and also the [Facebook event page](#).

The NBDF is bringing back the much loved MERCHANT CONTEST! Three local judges will be visiting participants, in search of winners in the following categories:

Best Dressed Team
Most Spirited Display
People's Choice Awards:
Voted on by the public.
Participants stop by Headquarters and write down their vote anonymously.



Hair Ink, Best Dressed Team, 2019



REMAX, Most Spirited Display, 2019



Compass Outdoor Adventures, People's Choice, 2019

Local Entrepreneurs

"To be successful, you have to have your heart in your business, and your business in your heart."
- Thomas Watson Sr., Chairperson and CEO of International Business Machines

Pet Place Market Expands in North Bend!

Pet Place Market, located at 213 Bendigo Boulevard N, Suite 2, is expanding! The local company has acquired an additional 1,356 sq. feet, and they have big plans for their floor space, which means more amenities for Valley pets!

The work began in early fall and Pet Place Market hopes to complete additions this month.

Additions to floorspace include a brand new nail clipping service, new brands and a fun new gift shop area that will feature a



The Pet Place Market Team (back row, from left): Chelsea, Kevin, Janna, baby Kasiah, Jennifer, Alicia, Eden, Becca & Madison

variety of pet-loving specialties.

"We are all so excited about this much needed expansion, which wouldn't be possible if it weren't for our amazing customers and dedicated staff,"

Pet Place Market's expansion will fill what originally was a wahiropractic, located in Suite 3. **Great work, PPM Team!**



New! At Pioneer Coffee

This fall, new ownership acquired Pioneer Coffee, located at 202 W North Bend Way, Suite D.

Tahvia Bridgman became the new owner of Pioneer Coffee this fall! As a community member who has previously worked at the cafe, she is excited to continue serving residents and visitors alike. "Come on down for an amazing cup of coffee!! Everyone is welcome," she said.

Pioneer Coffee has new hours: Monday - Friday, 6AM - 6PM, Saturday - Sunday, 7AM - 6PM. For more information about Pioneer Coffee, visit their [Facebook page](#). **Congrats, Tahvia!**



Staged Reading at VCS: She Kills Monsters

Come dressed up in costume/cosplay (leave weaponry at home) for a staged reading by Qui Nyugen, directed by Robin Walbek-Forrest, at 7:30 PM. For ages 14 and up. Click [here](#) for more.

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First Friday Art Adventures

The Britt Greenland Fine Art Gallery features a free, family-friendly art gallery showing the first Fri. of every month, from 6 - 8 PM. Located at 301 W North Bend Way, Suite 107. Next show: Nov. 5!



Kids Night Out!

Hosted the 2nd Saturday of every month, grown-ups get to enjoy live music at Ignition Cafe or just a kid-free evening, and kids have their own fun "night out" with experienced staff at The Village at IGNITE! Click [here](#) for more. The next "Kids Night Out" will be Nov. 13!

Celebrating New Businesses with our Chamber

Your [SnoValley Chamber of Commerce](#) sure knows how to welcome new businesses to North Bend! Here are a few ribbon cutting ceremonies that were held in town in late summer through fall.



Pearl & Stone

[Pearl & Stone Wine Co.](#) moved from 202 W North Bend Way, to 201 Main Avenue N this year, and celebrated their opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10th alongside the SnoValley Chamber, City officials, the

Downtown Foundation, the P&S team and community. The Pearl & Stone Tasting Room is currently open on Saturdays, from 12 - 5PM.

4 Congrats on your move, Pearl & Stone!



Valley Center Stage

[Valley Center Stage](#) (VCS) a local nonprofit organization dedicated to live theatre, moved from 119 W North Bend Way, to 1060 Stilson Avenue SE, at the Sallal Grange. VCS celebrated renovations and their new collaboration with Sallal Grange, on October 16th with City officials, the Downtown Foundation, the SnoValley Chamber, volunteers and community. VCS is prepping for their one-night-only reading of She Kills Monsters, on October 30th and A Christmas Carol, beginning December 3rd.

Welcome to your new home, Valley Center Stage!



North Bend Honored with State Award for Form-Based Code



Gov. Jay Inslee and Washington State Dept. of Commerce Director Lisa Brown recently announced [Smart Community Award winners](#) for 2020-21, including honoring the City of North Bend with the Smart Project Award for the City's adoption of Form-Based Code for its Downtown Commercial Zone.

The award-winning [North Bend Downtown Commercial Zone project](#) included a new form-based code to ensure future redevelopment fits the character of the community and provides more housing options. Form-based code is a land development regulation that fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public outcome by using physical form, rather than separation of uses, as its organizing principle.

The new code was adopted by the City Council in June 2021.

Mayor Rob McFarland commented, "Thank you to the State for recognizing the important and innovative work of our Planning Department, led by Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming. Her team strives day in-and-out to implement thoughtful policies to balance the need for jobs, services and housing while adhering to Growth Management Act mandates and carefully managing how North Bend grows."

"It's great to be recognized for the work done by the City," said CED Director Rebecca Deming, "It wouldn't be possible without the Mayor or the City Council. I'm looking forward to seeing the plan implemented and downtown growing as a social, cultural and entertainment destination." Read the full press release [here](#).

Business Outreach Meeting

Sponsored by the City of North Bend, these at 7:30 AM meetings serve as a direct avenue for business owners to meet up, be informed of actions the City is considering which impact commercial and business property, discuss other important topics that relate directly to North Bend business, and to communicate with your local government. Email bkeveren@northbendwa.gov for more.

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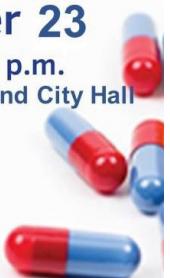
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Updates from Your City of North Bend

Snoqualmie Police Take Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

Snoqualmie Police Department and the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Community members can bring pills for disposal to North Bend City Hall, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, or the Snoqualmie Fire Department at 37600 Snoqualmie Parkway. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.



Saturday, October 23

10 a.m.–2 p.m.
at North Bend City Hall



Holly Days

The City of North Bend and the NBDF is hosting the Downtown Community Celebration! Get ready for outdoor crafting, smores, tree lighting and a holiday tractor ride...maybe even a visit from Santa! Click [here](#) for more.

Please Join Us for Arbor Day Tree Planting Event

The City of North Bend proclaims October 29th as Arbor Day 2021 and invites citizens to a community tree planting event beginning at 3PM along the South Fork Snoqualmie River Levy, between the City's wastewater treatment plant and the river.



Join Mayor Rob McFarland, City Staff, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust staff, and community volunteers to plant native trees and shrubs to help restore a healthy forested canopy along the river, currently occupied by invasive blackberry, ivy, and holly which are being removed.

Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers should dress appropriate and bring their own water and snacks if desired. Due to COVID-19, masks will be required, and participants will be asked to provide social distancing. Click [here](#) for more.

'TIS THE SEASON: Holiday Decor Prepped for Downtown Installation in November



Your Public Works Department is prepping for a cold, blustery, beautiful holiday season, full of lights, snowflakes and decor for our downtown.

You may have noticed street tree

lights being strung on all North Bend Way trees that contain outlets this month.

Within the coming weeks, you will see more



Celebrate the Season in North Bend

Holly Days



An Old-Fashioned Downtown Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tree lighting • Streetside smores • Live performances
Crafting for kids • Holiday dining & shopping

Outdoors

...NEXT DOOR TO...
102 W NORTH BEND WAY

Are you part of a local nonprofit organization? If so, please consider joining the Holly Days Old-Fashioned Downtown Festival as a vendor! We are encouraging nonprofit organizations to join, and host crafting activities.

[Here](#) is a link to your vendor application. Please connect back with [Bre Keveren](#) to send in your application or inquire for more information. Vendor applications are due by November 15th.

For more information, click [here](#).

Understanding the New King County Health Order: Tools and Other Resources

Accepted Proofs of Vaccination

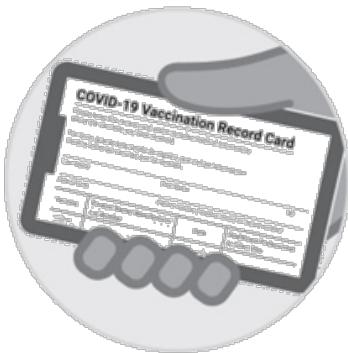
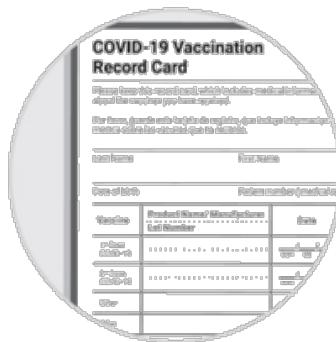
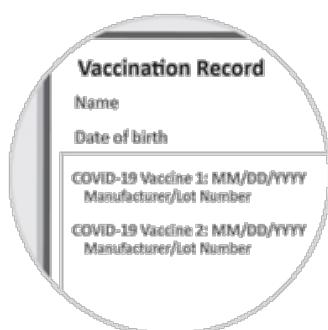


Photo of vaccination card



Vaccination card



Printed record from vaccine provider or MyIRmobile.com



Record from MyIRMobile.com or other app

A new King County Health Order requiring some local businesses to verify COVID-19 vaccination, or a negative test begins on October 25, and is expected to last no longer than six months, depending on future outbreak conditions.

WHO IT APPLIES TO: People age 12 and over

WHERE IT APPLIES:

- * Indoor restaurants
- * Indoor bars plus wine, beer and spirit tasting rooms
- * Gyms including fitness studios
- * Outdoor events with over 500 people. This includes sporting events, concerts and performances
- * Indoor event spaces rented for private gatherings, such as weddings and parties that are held at a business that is subject to this order (i.e. restaurant, music venue or recreational establishment)
- * Bowling alleys

WHAT IS EXCLUDED FROM THIS ORDER:

- * Outdoor or indoor youth sporting events for elementary, middle school and high school age participants and spectators
- * Outdoor dining
- * Take-out
- * Indoor dining in buildings that primarily serve non-dining purposes (i.e. airports, mall food courts, school cafeteria)
- * Funerals
- * Weddings, except those occurring in any of the above public indoor establishments

* Looking for information about how this applies to local Si View Metropolitan Parks District programs? Click [here](#) to learn.

* King County businesses and events included in the vaccination verification local health order are required to display specific public health signs at all public entrances. Download them [here](#).

* If you'd like additional signage that notifies patrons of the King County Health Order, please consider downloading it, [here](#). NOTE: This additional signage is optional, and offered as a service, in case you find it helpful!

* Watch a pre-recorded update on the King County Health Order with King County Public Health, King County Executives and the Seattle Southside and Metro Chambers of Commerce [here](#).

* Check out the [King County Vaccine Verification/Negative COVID-19 Test Toolkit](#). Learn about:

- o The rules
- o Accepted proofs of vaccination and testing
- o Implementation plan help
- o Communicating with employees and customers
- o Potential scenarios
- o Required signage
- o Resources
- o FAQ

Accepted Proofs of Negative COVID-19 Test

* Print or digital documentation from:

- * Pharmacy
- * Laboratory
- * Testing provider

* FDA-approved PCR test taken within the previous 3 days

* FDA-approved rapid test done by a testing provider on site at the event

