

From the Office of Governor Jay Inslee

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Good evening –

It has come to my attention that rumors abound in Central Washington about community members needing “letters” to leave their home or go to work. The unintended consequences from certain employers providing “proactive letters” ripple across the region and leave some community members feeling concerned or scared. Especially those who may not speak English as their first language.

I want to be **clear**: rumors only create unneeded concern. As the Governor mentioned, Washingtonians can go outside as long as they remain at least six feet from each other. Grocery stores, doctor’s offices and other essential businesses remain open. People can still participate in activities such as bike rides, gardening, and dog walking — as long as they follow social distancing rules.

Please help remind our community members of these facts. As a reminder, DOH has launched a Spanish language blog: <https://medium.com/bienestarwa>. It has frequently asked questions, resources, and I would urge organizations, cities and counties to share on their social media.

Information can save lives. Let’s spread the facts.

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