



**Pierce County**

**Department of Emergency Management**

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**PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**Pierce County, Washington**

**Whereas,** COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-Co V-2, virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**Whereas,** the Washington State Department of Health confirmed one death, six confirmed positive cases, and over 200 individuals under public health supervision, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health are working to identify, contact and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (DCD); and

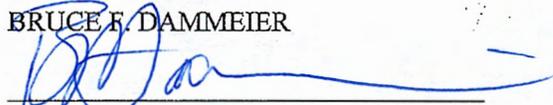
**Whereas,** Dr. Anthony Chen, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has advised that there exists a health emergency for the citizens and visitors of Pierce County due to the reasons stated above; and

**Whereas,** the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management is coordinating resources to support the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department officials in alleviating impacts to people, property and infrastructure.

**Whereas,** this constitutes an emergency as defined by the Pierce County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to County Code 2.118, RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2); therefore,

**Be it proclaimed by the Pierce County Executive** that an emergency exists in Pierce County; therefore, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Pierce County departments are authorized to take emergency actions and to provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property pursuant to the Pierce County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan ("Plan"), chapter 38.52 RCW, and chapter 2.118 of the Pierce County Code. As directed pursuant to the Plan, each Pierce County department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the urgent requirements of an emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

BRUCE F. DAMMEIER

  
Pierce County Executive

  
Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney  
*Approved as to Form*

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Recommended by:  
ANTHONY L-T CHEN, MD, MPH

  
Director of Health  
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

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