
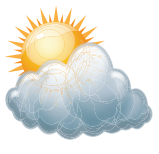



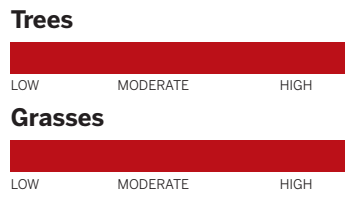


A VERY PLEASANT MAY FORECAST

				
Wednesday 59°/41° Partly sunny with a 50% chance of showers Sunrise 5:22 a.m. Sunset 8:51 p.m.	Thursday 65°/44° Mostly sunny and a low chance of rain Sunrise 5:21 a.m. Sunset 8:52 p.m.	Friday 70°/46° Mostly clear and sunny skies all day long Sunrise 5:19 a.m. Sunset 8:53 p.m.	Saturday 71°/51° Sunny morning, partly cloudy evening Sunrise 5:18 a.m. Sunset 8:54 p.m.	Sunday 66°/49° Partly sunny with some chances of rain Sunrise 5:17 a.m. Sunset 8:56 p.m.

Information courtesy of National Weather Service, Bellingham Asthma and Allergy and the Perry family

Pollen Watch



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DATE	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
HIGHS	69	66	71	73	74	75	74
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Visioning toward Racial Equity Commission this Saturday

It runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three presenters

BELLINGHAM — All are invited to an interactive virtual Community Visioning Summit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, as the Chuckanut Health Foundation begins engagement with the community to develop a

countywide Racial Equity Commission.

The summit will feature guest presenters with expertise in using diverse approaches to address racial inequalities in their communities, as well as opportunities for attendees to ask questions and give feedback.

Presenters are from:
• United Way of Greenville County (South Carolina) / Racial Equity and Economic Mobility Commission
• Groundwork Lead-

ership Institute of Salem, Oregon)

• King County Office of Equity and Social Justice in Seattle.

The summit will be highly interactive, with many opportunities to connect with other participants and provide feedback to the development of a countywide racial equity commission. Viewing opportunities will be provided in designated areas around Whatcom County for people who do not have access to

the internet. Captioning will be available during the event and a transcript of the event will be translated and made available to the community on the foundation website.

“To build an effective commission, we know we need to include as many people as possible in the development process,” said Kristina Michele Martens, co-leader of the effort. “We believe that the best and most effective way to create community solutions to sys-


temic issues that impact our marginalized community members is to make sure their voices are in the room where the opportunities and ideas are being discussed.”

The goals of the Community Visioning Summit are: to begin the process, honor feedback given, create dialogue about what racial equity work looks like at a local level, and “work together so that every person in Whatcom County is able to live, thrive and belong

no matter their race.”

The Chuckanut Health Foundation is partnering with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County to support a community-led, informed and owned vision for the eventual commission.

For more information and to sign up to receive a link to this virtual event, visit <https://www.chuckanuthealthfoundation.org/communityvisioning>.



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Reopening: Not automatic, however

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Washington has administered over 6 million doses of vaccine, and 56% of Washingtonians have initiated vaccination.

Most indoor activities will be permitted to operate at 50% capacity until June 30 when most public spaces will return to full capacity.

The announcement does not mean Washington's state of emergency will lift on June 30, Inslee said. It also does not guarantee a full reopening if the state's

COVID-19 data changes. If the statewide ICU capacity reaches 90% at any point, activities will be rolled back again.

As to following the CDC masking guideline, the governor stressed it is for fully vaccinated people, meaning those who are two weeks removed from their second shot of Pfizer or Moderna or the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

The guidance does not apply to health care settings

like hospitals, long-term care or doctor's offices, correctional facilities, homeless shelters or schools. And the federal order requiring masks on public transportation remains in place.


The governor also announced that starting this fall for the 2021-2022 school year, schools will be expected to offer full-time, in-person learning for all students and a remote learning option for students who need it.

The state Department of Health released updated K-12 guidance earlier Thursday. The guidance updates health and safety measures while allowing flexibility for physical distancing. Depending on vaccination rates in the fall, distancing requirements may be removed altogether.


— compiled from Washington Retail Association and governor's office press releases

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River: Investigation ongoing

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inside the Honda Accord.

The Ferndale Police Department received a report of skid marks running off the road toward the river around 7 p.m. on Monday, said Riley Sweeney, the city's communications officer.

“Officers responded, investigated and determined that there was probably something in the river, but we were not going to be able to retrieve it due to the swift currents until daylight,” he said.

Tuesday morning, the police department, Whatcom Fire District 7, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, and the Washington State Patrol responded and stationed equipment near the river. Divers assisted in retrieving the vehicle.

As of Tuesday afternoon, next of kin were still being notified and the investigation was ongoing. Sweeney said there is no indication that this was anything other than a traffic incident, although the Washington State Patrol will be doing a full investigation. The occupants of the vehicle had no obvious signs of trauma and appeared to have drowned.

The occupants were two adult males.

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