**[Governor’s Proclamation 20-18](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-18%20-%20COVID-19%20-%20DSHS%20Waivers%20%28tmp%29.pdf" \t "_blank) Waives the following-**

**Skilled Nursing Facilities**

[RCW 18.51.091](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.51.091#:~:text=)**–**Nursing Home annual survey and community-based services review

[RCW 18.51.230](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.51.230) – Nursing Home survey during night/weekend hours

[RCW 70.129.090(2)](https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.129.090) -Rights to reasonable access to a resident by representative, entity  or individual that provides health, social, legal, or other services to the resident, subject to the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time.

[RCW 74.42.056](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=74.42.056) - Department assessment of Medicaid eligible individuals—Requirements. Admitting residents without Medicaid eligibility review

[RCW 74.42.360(2),(3), and (4)](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=74.42.360) - Adequate staff—Minimum staffing standards- waiving the 3.4 HPRD requirement, 24-hour RN requirement in large non-essential community providers, 16 hour RN requirement in essential community providers and small non-essential community providers

[WAC 388-97-1080(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8)](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-18%20-%20COVID-19%20-%20DSHS%20Waivers%20%28tmp%29.pdf" \t "_blank) – Waiver for 24-hour RN coverage in large non-essential community providers and 16 hour RN coverage in small non-essential community providers

[WAC 388-97-1090](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-97-1090) – Direct care hours, 3.4 HPRD

WAC 388-107-1210(2)(b)

[WAC 388-106-0360](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-106-0360) – Admitting a resident without Medicaid eligibility review

[Governor’s First proclamation 20-06](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-06%20Coronavirus%20%28tmp%29.pdf)

[WAC 388-97-0520(1)(g),](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-97-0520) in its entirety: “(g) Subject to the resident’s right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, immediate family or other relatives of the resident;”. 8.

[WAC 388-97-0520(1)(h),](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-97-0520) in its entirety: “(h) Subject to reasonable restrictions and the resident's right to deny or withdraw consent at any time, others who are visiting with the consent of the resident.”

**Assisted Living**

[RCW 18.20.110](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.20.110) Inspection of assisted living facilities—Approval of changes or new facilities.

The proclamation suspends the annual inspection requirements, yet leaves the ability to make unannounced visits at any time. RCS has stated they have been given direction to complete visits that focus on infection control and PPE inspection.

[RCW 74.39A.056](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=74.39A.056), [WAC 388-78A-2462,](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-78A-2462) [WAC 388-78A-24681](https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-78A-24681) Waives the fingerprint background check requirement due to disruptions in the third party operations.

**Visitation changes for both Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities**

DSHS has updated it guidance for visitation in response to the Governors [amended proclamation 20-16](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/20-16%20Coronavirus%20No%20visitors%20LTC%20%28tmp%29.pdf) from earlier this week.

The amendment now directs all long term care facilities to restrict visitation by any person except for the following;

* End of life situations
* Visits by attorneys, administrative law judges, advocates or similar persons who represent a resident
* Vendors or volunteers who supply or work in a facility
* Health care teams such as doctors, behavioral health providers, and home health nurses so that care and service needs of residents are met
* Department of Social and Health Services staff, including staff from the Developmental Disabilities Administration and Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

Those who are visiting under end of life circumstance must be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19

Additionally Home and Community Services (HCS) has publicly stated they are advising that all assessments conducted by HCS assessors in all programs should be done telephonically or by using other technology in place of in-person visits wherever possible.