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## **Central Washington Home Builders Association**

*Position Regarding Gov. Inslee's Allowance of Residential Construction*

**Yakima, WA— April 24, 2020** — Governor Inslee's recent announcement to reopen some residential construction projects comes after a month of hard work, planning, collaborative efforts and letters into the governor.

Understanding that many difficult and rapid decisions have needed to be made, the **Central Washington Home Builders Association (CWHBA)** wishes to thank the jurisdictions and elected officials who have been instrumental in supporting efforts to allow residential construction to safely continue. Construction work is a huge part of our communities and the economy throughout Central Washington, and since the governor's order went into effect on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the construction industry in the State of Washington has lost an estimated \$690,000,000 in family wages (\$23 million per day based on [Building Industry Association of WA's latest economic report](#)).

However, even with this new construction allowance for the Stay-at-Home order, the industry will not continue with "business-as-usual". **CWHBA continues to endorse that safety on all construction sites is, and will maintain, a priority.** As residential construction reopens, contractors will be required to adhere to [Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#) that will help ensure the safety of employees, inspectors and homeowners alike. CWHBA will continue to update the webpage at [www.cwhba.org](http://www.cwhba.org) with modifications and resources, as they develop.

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