



**WHATCOM COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-01**

**CLOSING COUNTY FACILITIES  
(DOWNTOWN ONLY)**

**WHEREAS**, areas adjacent to the County Courthouse are cordoned off in response to protests and other activities related to the City of Bellingham's cleaning of the homeless Camp 210 on the grounds of City Hall and the Bellingham Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, these events may create a hazard for County employees presently working in downtown County buildings;

**WHEREAS**, County employees able to work remotely shall be assigned to work off-site;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BY** virtue of the power vested in me by the home rule charter and the County Code for Whatcom County, I hereby order the closure of the following downtown office buildings at **noon Thursday, January 28, 2021 through the end of workday Friday, January 29, 2021** (except as otherwise directed consistent with applicable Superior and District Court Orders):

County Courthouse (Grand Avenue)  
Public Safety Building Administrative Offices (Prospect Avenue)  
Civic Center Building (Commercial Street)  
Public Defender's Building (Central Avenue)  
Health Offices (Girard Street)

Employees assigned to work in these buildings during these timeframes may leave at noon Thursday and may charge the balance of their work hours to **Pay Code 750** Admin Leave unless they are able to work from home during this closure.

This emergency shall be declared for these dates only and all other applicable County policies shall apply.

**DATED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Satpal Singh Sidhu". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive