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Governor Inslee continues to classify most construction as non-essential.

Rumors were flying this morning that Governor Inslee was going to change his position and classify construction as essential.

In a press conference at 1:00 pm this afternoon Governor Inslee was asked directly about this. His response was construction workers are in close-proximity and it is important to protect workers and their families.

He stated as of today he has not made a decision, is looking at it and will make the right decision at the right time when able to expand the industry. He suggested there may be small steps with more restrictions later.

There is no change in his position and most construction is still not considered to fall under the essential business criteria.

He did mention there is now \$5 million available in grants for small business through the state emergency fund. \$10,000 is available for businesses under 10 employees. The application can be found at the coronavirus website. <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov>

We will continue to monitor this situation and report updates as they occur. For questions or comments please contact casey@wbma.org