



Changing Labor Market

14.7% National Unemployment Rate for April 2020

"Hospitals are going to have to make hard choices about how to stay open," Cassie Sauer, president of the Washington State Hospital Association, said. "Most of the hospitals are saying they have about 50 percent of their normal revenue coming in, and they are also telling us that they have about 120 percent of their normal expenses. That is a bad combination." (King 5)

Virginia Mason-30% decline in revenue (5/2/2020)

Multicare Tacoma Furloughs (5/6/2020)



Policy Opportunities

- Use of Navigators
- Partnership with the WorkSource system
- Timely training programs which respond to new needs
- Expedited training programs which can move apprentices through programs rapidly
- Expanded support services for apprentices during a challenging economic time
- Easing L&I reporting requirements to aid with employer administration time