Accessing the Legislature Remotely

The resources listed below have been gathered to provide quick reference in navigating the Washington State Legislature’s remote 2021 Legislative Session. We believe this information will be helpful and you are always welcome to reach out to the Legislative Information Center for assistance (360) 786-7573.

1 **Understanding the Process:**

*New to how the Legislature operates? Start here!*

- Legislative Process (Video)
- How a Bill Becomes a Law (text)
- Overview of Legislative Process (text)

Cutoff Calendar: [https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/cutoff.aspx](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/cutoff.aspx)

   - The cutoff calendar shows dates and deadline of significance in the legislative process

Glossary of Legislative Terms

2 **Watching and Participating:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all legislative buildings are closed to the public

*See all the action and have your voice heard*

- Watch gavel to gavel coverage of legislative session on [TVW streaming](https://www.tvw.org) or on [Television](https://www.wctv.com)
- Watch [TVW Coverage of Senate Sessions](https://www.tvw.org/senate-sessions)
- Watch [TVW Coverage of House Sessions](https://www.tvw.org/house-sessions)
- Participate by [testifying in a committee](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/) (Virtually) [Get Detailed Instructions]
- Participate by [voicing your opinion on a bill](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/)
- Participate by [knowing who your legislators are](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/)
- Citizen’s Guide to Effective Legislative Participation
- Find [ADA accommodation and information](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/)

3 **Track Legislation:**

*Know where your bills are so you can watch and participate effectively*

- [Bill Tracking Video](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/)
- Floor Activity Report:
  - House Floor Activity Calendar
  - Senate Floor Activity Calendar
- Committee Schedules

4 **Contacting Your Legislator:**

*Start a Dialogue With Your Elected Officials*

- Contact Your legislators to Schedule a Virtual Visit
- Call and leave a message for your legislators via the Hotline: **1.800.562.6000**
- Who are the legislators that represent [me and my district](https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/)?