

Guidance – Note Disclosure – Subsequent Events

The Washington State Auditor’s Office is now **expecting all entities to include a subsequent event note disclosure regarding the impact of COVID-19** to their entity. They have provided an example disclosure included below:

Example Note Disclosure – Subsequent Events

“In February 2020, the Governor of the state of Washington declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of a deadly new virus. In the weeks following the declaration, precautionary measures to slow the spread of the virus have been ordered. These measures include closing schools, colleges and universities, cancelling public events, and limiting gathering sizes.

[Include information about actual or potential financial impact on entity, and management’s plans to address the situation, to the extent known.]

The length of time these measures will be in place, and the full extent of the financial impact on the {Entity Type} is unknown at this time.”

If you believe there is no financial impact, then you can say that in the disclosure. If you believe there will be an impact, then SAO would expect that to be included. They don’t need actual figures unless you have been able to determine an amount.