



Community Wellness Center

Facilities Use Guidelines & Agreement

Welcome!

The Verdant Community Wellness Center (VCWC) has space available for health and wellness-focused classes, programs, community meetings and events. With a building footprint of over 8000 sq feet, it provides a large training room, a demonstration kitchen for healthy cooking classes, a large classroom, a medium conference room, plug and play workstations for Verdant's partners and office space for Verdant staff.

Note: These guidelines are subject to change in accordance with current CDC guidance on COVID-19

Reservations

Reservation requests are evaluated using Verdant's Guiding Principles and require a completed Facility Use Request Form. Reservations are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Verdant staff will contact you within 2 business days to review your request and determine terms that apply. Reservations are not complete until all required paperwork has been received and applicable fees are paid. Confirmation of your reservation will be sent via email. Questions about availability or space can be directed to 425.582.8600. Facility Request Forms should be submitted online at <https://verdanthealth.org/about/wellness-center/>

Guiding Principles

Use of VCWC facilities is guided by our mission to improve the health and well-being of our South Snohomish County community. Rooms are available for classes, meetings and special events that support our Commission's priorities:

- Education & Empowerment - programs that give people the tools to take ownership of their health, increase their knowledge of health issues and availability of resources, and provide motivation to improve their well-being.
- Prevention - programs that increase healthy behaviors, support necessary health screenings, and prevent injuries.
- Access to Healthcare Services - programs that increase access to medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare services.
- Policy and Advocacy - programs that employ advocacy and public policy improvements to better meet the health and wellness needs of our residents.

User Categories

The VCWC is an important resource for South Snohomish County residents. Activities that have a direct relationship to the work of the Verdant Health Commission or that contribute to the health and wellness of our community are a priority. We have established the following user categories for facility use:

- Programs that provide health and wellness-focused program content.
- Education and support programs that serve the needs of South Snohomish County residents, indirectly supporting their health and well-being.

As a municipal public agency, Verdant is not authorized to office space for:

- Profit making activities or where products or services are advertised, solicited or sold
- Religious practices
- Political activities
- Parties, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, or memorial services



Availability

We have established guidelines to provide more equitable access to users of the VCWC

- Limitation on recurring reservations - in order to make key spaces available to all, recurring reservations will be balanced against other users' requests for space.
 - Recurrences can be scheduled for up to six (6) months and are subject to review at any time.
 - Saturday reservations are only available for one-day requests
- Facilities are available Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Use of the facility outside of normal business hours is subject to the availability of after-hours staff.
- Applicants must be 21 years of age or older - The applicant must be present during the entire time the facility is being used. The person signing the Facility Request Form will be considered the responsible party in case of damage, theft or required cleaning fees. Minors in the facility must always have adult supervision.
- Holidays - The VCWC is NOT available for use on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. It MAY be available on other holidays, based on after-hours staff availability.

Required Insurance

Users of VCWC facilities may be required to carry \$1,000,000 in liability insurance naming Verdant Health Commission as an "additional insured." Contact Verdant staff at (425) 582-8600 to confirm if your facility request will require insurance coverage.

- Events that typically require insurance include but are not limited to:
- Events which use the appliances and/or cooking equipment in the Maple teaching kitchen
- Events which provide Childcare in the VCWC
- Events deemed to be moderate-to-high risk for damage or injury (determined by Verdant Staff)

Deliveries and Storage

Users must arrange for deliveries to occur during their reservation time and must be available onsite to receive them. Verdant staff are not authorized to receive and sign deliveries. Due to space and security concerns, Verdant cannot store items prior to or following an event.

Restrictions of Use:

- Smoking - The VCWC is a smoke-free, vape-free and tobacco-free facility. According to Washington state law, smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of building entrances/exits.
- Drugs - Use of illegal drugs and mood-altering substances such as marijuana and its paraphernalia are prohibited in the facility.
- Alcohol - Guests are not allowed to bring or serve alcohol on the premises.

- Guns - In accordance with our workplace policy, guns and dangerous weapons are prohibited in the facility. Gambling - No gambling activities are permitted in the facility.
- Open Flames - No candles or open flames are permitted in the facility except approved use of the gas stove in the Maple teaching kitchen
- Decorations - To preserve our facility, the use of glue, tape, tacks, nails, staples, confetti, glitter, rose petals, rice or other similar products are prohibited. Decorations are not allowed to be posted on walls or windows.
- Animals are not allowed - except for service animals only.
- All event activities must remain within the room you have been authorized to use. Children must have adult supervision at all times when leaving the room you are authorized for.

Promotion of events to be held in the Verdant Community Wellness Center

Organizations using space at the VCWC must publicize events in a manner that does not suggest sponsorship or affiliation.

- To use the Verdant Health Commission logo on flyers/promotional materials, you must get approval from Verdant's Director of Marketing and Communications. Verdant can provide graphic(s) identifying VCWC as the location of an activity.
- Verdant is not responsible for distributing information or making public announcements about events.
- Signs and promotional materials may not be posted in the VCWC unless approved by Verdant Staff.

Cancellations, Time & Date Changes

All cancellations and requests for changes in dates and times must be given to Verdant a minimum of three (3) business days prior to your event. Staff will make every effort to accommodate your request.

- Approval of any time and/or date change is subject to facility and staffing availability. All deposits will be transferred.
- For cancellations without three (3) business days' notice, Verdant reserves the right to keep any deposits and restrict or deny future use of the VCWC.
- If a user does not show up for their scheduled reservation it will be treated as a cancellation without notice.
- For inclement weather, the VCWC follows the Edmonds School District's weather emergency policy and will close or delay opening if the school district is closed or delayed. VCWC may be closed if staff are unable to safely commute to the building.

Food & Beverages

Food and non-alcoholic beverages are welcome in our facility. For facility planning, this must be included on your Facility Request Form.

- The Maple teaching kitchen is not available to prepare or store food unless scheduled as a teaching kitchen event. In this case a deposit and insurance are required.
- ALL food and beverages need to be pre-prepared and brought into your event. Users must bring any supplies or equipment needed to serve food and beverages. Safe food handling practices are the responsibility of the user.
- Permits and fees to serve food to the public may be required. It is the sole responsibility of the user to determine if permits are required and to secure needed permits.
- Use of Verdant's coffee center *may* be available. Users need to provide their own ground coffee. Contact Verdant staff for more details.

Use of Teaching Kitchen and cooking equipment

The VCWC has a teaching kitchen. This is NOT a commercial kitchen. The kitchen is designed for educational purposes which may include preparing and serving food to registered class participants or groups approved to use the space.

Email wellnesscenter@verdanthealth.org for more details on using the teaching kitchen. A separate agreement will be provided for kitchen use.

Parking

Complimentary parking is available on-site. Verdant's lot has 30 marked parking spaces. Additional spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis in our visitor area behind the VCWC. Please notify participants not to park in front of or on the side of the Party Store or they may be subject to towing at the vehicle owner's expense.

Room Set-up/Clean-up

- Room use is for approved scheduled time only, this includes set-up and clean-up time.
- Spaces are set in standard configurations and should be left in the standard configuration at the conclusion of the use of the space. Users can re-configure select spaces as long as the set-up meets fire and building codes and maximum occupancies.
- At the conclusion of the event, the organizer is responsible to make sure the space is left clean, including any common areas and restrooms.
- All remaining supplies, decorations, food and beverages must be removed from the facility immediately after the event. (including boxes, etc.)
- Wipe down all tables with sanitizing wipes (provided)
- Clean all flooring surfaces (vacuum & broom provided)
- Remove all garbage and place in the dumpster located in the back parking lot.
- Please check out with front desk staff prior to leaving.

Cleaning/Damage Deposits

The teaching kitchen requires a damage/cleaning deposit. Other rooms may require a refundable cleaning/damage deposit prior to use of the facility, depending upon the type of activities being conducted, Verdant Staff will advise. Deposit amounts are listed below.

Selected Space	Cleaning/Damage Deposit Amount-	Liability Insurance Required	Insurance Amount
Maple Teaching Kitchen	\$250.00	Yes	\$1,000,000
Cedar-Large Room	\$200.00 or waived	Yes	\$1,000,000
Birch Meeting Room	\$200.00 or waived	Yes	\$1,000,000
Basement Space	\$100.00 or waived	Yes	\$1,000,000

- For events using multiple spaces, cumulative deposits may be required for each additional space.

Deposit fees, if applicable, are dependent on the space and type of event and are determined from the Facility Request

Form.

- Upon receipt of a Facility Request Form, Verdant staff will check availability and contact you within 2 (two) business days to review your request and determine if deposits apply. Verdant reserves the right to adjust or waive facility deposit fees.
- Deposits, if required, must be paid in full to confirm facility use and can be paid using a check, money order or credit card.
- If there is no damage, refunds will be sent by check to the mailing address on the Facility Request Form within ten (10) business days following the conclusion of facility use.
- If damage to the space or its contents occurred:
 - ° Damage or cleaning costs will be deducted from the deposit.
 - ° If damage or cleaning costs exceed the deposit, the user will be billed for additional costs.
- Verdant may hold a deposit for users who have recurring events and will issue a refund at the conclusion of facility use.

If facility use guidelines are not followed, future requests for rooms and resources may be declined or require additional deposits.

The Verdant Community Wellness Center is a valuable resource to our community. Thank you for reviewing and adhering to our Facility Use Guidelines and helping to keep the Center as a resource to South Snohomish County.

INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS

The user shall indemnify and hold harmless the Verdant Health Commission, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities for injury or death of any person, or for loss or damage to property, which arises out of use of the VCWC or from any activity, work or thing done, permitted, or suffered by the user in or about the premises, except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the Verdant Health Commission.

The Verdant Health Commission will not be responsible for lost, stolen or forgotten articles.

Agreement:

I have read and understand the guidelines for the VCWC. I understand that I am responsible for the supervision of the group or individuals while using the VCWC under this agreement and to ensure their safety, prevent injury and/or damage to the equipment, property or grounds of the center. The applicant agrees to comply with all facility policies and procedures and assume liability for all damages that are due to the negligence of the applicant.

Organization Name

Event Date

Authorized Signature

Date