

HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND SITUATION REPORT

PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

REPORT #: 1	DATE: JANUARY 17 2012	TIME: 1530
Incident Name/Incident Type: January 2012 Winter Storm		MISSION #: 12-0112
Locations/Areas Affected: King County		
HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND CENTER (ACC) STATUS		
ACC Activation Status:	ACTIVATED	
Location:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site:
Hours of Operations:	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Ops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Days/Hours: Tuesday 0900 - 1730 Wednesday 077-1730
	Off Hours Emergency Contact 24/7: Public Health Duty Officer	

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS/DECLARATIONS

JURISDICTIONS	NAME OF JURISDICTION	DATE	COMMENTS
County Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Washington State Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Health Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Disaster Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

RESPONSE GOALS

Provide support to maintain health services throughout King County.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

GENERAL SITUATION

A significant snow storm is predicted to affect the King County region over the next few days, followed by a strong rain storm Saturday.

Most hospitals and healthcare facilities are continuing to offer their full scope of services. Many are offering overnight accommodation for staff and are implementing their inclement weather procedures.

WEATHER UPDATE

Tuesday night will be clear. Current forecast predictions for Wednesday are for 5"-10" in low-lying areas and more at higher elevations.

Temperatures will not rise above freezing until Friday, with the potential for freezing rain late Wednesday to Thursday.

TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

- 1/14/2012 – Snow seen across the county, continuing through 1/16/2012
- 1/17/2012 – HMAC activated to plan for January 17 increase in snowfall

HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Maintain continuity of Level 1 Public Health functions
2. Coordinate transportation resources in collaboration with EOCs to support medical missions.
3. Assess impacts to and needs of hospitals and other healthcare partners to maintain continuity of operations.
4. Determine need support mass care shelters with first aid teams.
5. Prepare public information related to carbon monoxide poisoning and other safety messaging.

MAJOR ACTIONS

- Completed:
 - Activated and staffed Health and Medical Area Command at 0900
 - Conducted conference call with hospitals and other healthcare providers at 1400
 - Updated hazard prevention public messaging.
 - Developed and sent message to CCM and via social media.
 - Queried pharmacies for status updates.
 - Secured 4x4 vehicles and plowing service to support Public Health sites and staffing.
 - Ensured the readiness of three Mass Care Support kits to support shelter operations
 - Determined availability of PHRC members to respond to mass care shelters.
 - Sent Liaison to Seattle EOC.
 - Public Health Communicable Disease and Epidemiology program sent a Health Advisory regarding surveillance for potential signs of CO poisoning to its clinician listserv.
- In progress:
 - Developing transportation contingencies in collaboration with Seattle EOC to support a Northwest Kidney Center request for patient movement.
 - Working on a renewal of the vehicle use policy for PHRC Volunteers.
 - Implementing system to capture costs associated with snow response.
 - Finalizing liaison staffing plan for local EOCs.
 - Coordinating with King County and Seattle JICs on ethnic media outreach.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Healthcare

- All NW Kidney Center clinics are open Wednesday
- No major concerns from healthcare organizations.
- Major pharmacy chains expect normal pharmacy operations on Wednesday.

Other

- Some jurisdictions have opened cold weather shelters. The dynamic list is available here: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/news/2012/January/14Shelters.aspx>
- King County Metro bus route 90 has been activated. Per SDOT, keeping the route clear and moving is a high priority.
- King County Metro buses are staying on snow routes through Wednesday
- All Public Health sites are on Wednesday. Clients are asked to call ahead to Public Health clinics before coming for appointments
- Power status
 - No significant PSE outages
 - Three Seattle City Light outages (40 customers)

Activations

- Zone 1
 - Staff Only: KCECC Level #3; Bellevue; Kirkland; Redmond
 - Monitoring: Snoqualmie Tribe, ESCA, PSE
 - Considering activating Wednesday: PSE (at 04300); Mercer Island
 - Issaquah Public Works/Roads on 24/7 schedule.
- Zone 3
 - Kent EOC activated
- Zone 5
 - Seattle EOC activated with staff and liaisons

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