

King County Pandemic Community Advisory Group

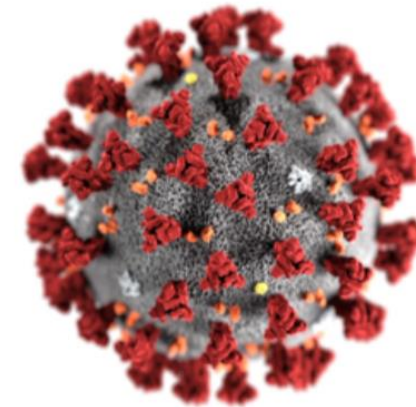
March 5, 2020 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Intent of Advisory Group**
- 3. COVID-19 Response – Community Mitigation Structure**
- 4. Current Guidance - Recommended Strategies to Reduce Spread**
- 5. Open Forum – Priority Issues and Questions**

Intent of Advisory Group

Create a forum that brings together representatives from various community, business, and government sectors (non-medical care) in King County who work together **to help slow the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by accelerating the use of the recommended non-pharmaceutical strategies.**



Intent of Advisory Group (Near-Term)

Our ask:

- Help us to share accurate information and messages about recommended steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 – within your own organization, to other institutions and organizations in your sector, and with the public.
- Inform us and each other on opportunities, successes, and barriers to implementing recommended measures.
- Join us in helping prevent, interrupt, and respond to misinformation and stigma.



Response Structure – Community Mitigation Branch

Community Mitigation Branch
(Matias Valenzuela, Director)

Deputy (Nick Solari)

Non-pharmaceutical intervention
group supervisor (Allene Mares)

Pandemic Community
Advisory Group lead
(Janna Wilson)

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Business
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Children
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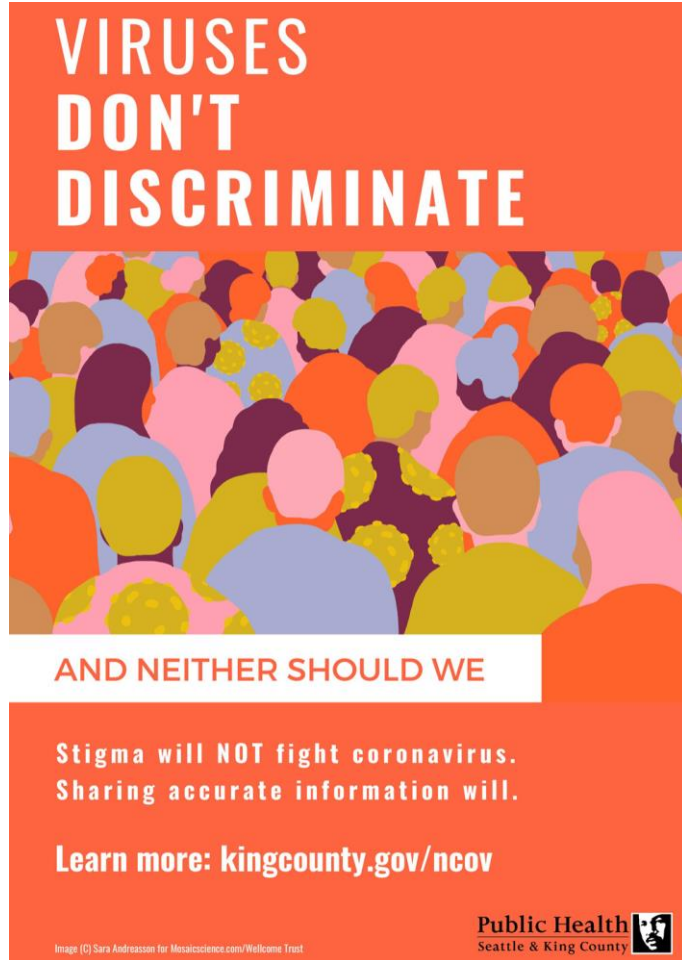
How to stay informed

- **Information is changing frequently**
- Check and subscribe to Public Health's website www.kingcounty.gov/COVID
 - Common questions by audience
 - Downloadable fact sheets in multiple languages
 - Call center information (King County & WA State Dept of Health)
 - When and how to seek medical evaluation and advice
- Subscribe to the blog www.publichealthinsider.com
 - Provides further context, rationale, and guidance

How to stay informed, continued

- Follow us on social media @KCPubHealth
- Facebook
- Join a community partners phone call: Mondays, 4:00 – 4:45
 - 206-263-8114 Code: 560794
 - Updates plus Q & A
- Get to know the WA State Dept of Health COVID-19 website:
www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
 - Extensive guidance documents for various sectors (e.g., schools, congregate settings, etc.)

What can you do if you see stigma or bias?



Anti-stigma resources at:
kingcounty.gov/ncov/anti-stigma

- Downloadable posters
- Social media toolkit

Current recommended strategies to slow the spread

At higher risk of COVID-19? Avoid groups & large gatherings.

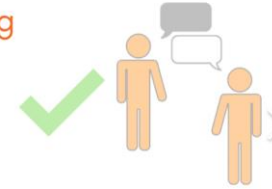
Over 60? Have a chronic health condition? Pregnant?

Stay home & avoid large gatherings such as concert venues, conventions, or sporting events.



Group plans? Consider postponing events and large gatherings.

If you can't avoid bringing people together, give people more physical space.



Urge people who are sick or at higher risk not to attend.



**Stay home when sick.
Do not go out in public.**

Avoid medical settings unless necessary.

If you are ill in any way, call your doctor's office first before going in.



Work from home if you are able

Work in ways that minimize close contact with large numbers of people.



Wash your hands, avoid your face

Wash your hands often
with soap and water.

If not available,
use hand sanitizer.



At this time, we are not recommending closing schools

Children have **not** been shown to be
a high risk group for serious illness
from this virus.

Caregivers of children
with underlying health
conditions should
consult healthcare
providers.



Cough? Fever? Respiratory problems?

Contact your regular doctor first.

Do not go to the
emergency
room if it's not a
true emergency!



These recommendations are
called “non-pharmaceutical
interventions” or NPIs

Many organizations are already taking proactive measures. Examples of what we're seeing:

- Employers encouraging telework
- Postponing of gatherings and events
- Companies are boosting their cleaning procedures & frequency
- Sharing links to trusted information with your networks
- Thinking creatively about how to apply the guidance in light of your setting and clients/customers/students/employees
- Many more

We recognize the recommended strategies will have a tremendous impact on our community, the people you serve, and your organization. **Thank you for your efforts.**

Issues and questions that are surfacing – a few examples of what we're hearing ...

- Requests for more tailored, culturally relevant guidance and strategies for certain populations, settings, and scenarios
- Ripple effect issues and impacts – related to schools, small business, etc.
- Broad range of equity impacts & concerns
- Addressing mental health impacts

Open Forum

- What's your greatest concern or priority? What questions & issues do you want to get on our radar?

Didn't get a chance to air your issue or question today? Following today's call, we'll send out a short survey to capture additional input.

Your questions – even if we don't have answers – will help us refine our guidance and try to get ahead of unanticipated consequences.

Thank You

Meetings of this group every Thursday at 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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