AGENDA

1. Welcome 10:30 – 10:35

2. Check in on proposed non-medical face coverings directive 10:35 – 10:50

3. Mobilizing for contact tracing 10:50 – 11:20
   With Kirsten Vannice, Public Health-Seattle & King County

4. Members: any announcements or issues for future meetings? 11:20 – 11:30

Stay informed! Subscribe to www.kingcounty.gov/covid
Check in on proposed directive for non-medical face coverings

• A potential countywide health directive is being planned that would strongly recommend the wearing of non-medical face coverings to protect essential workers and our community from COVID-19 exposure and transmission.

• Discussion and feedback on the draft directive took place on a May 6 call to which Pandemic Community Advisory Group members were invited.

• Further reflections?

• Additional input can be sent to Calli Knight, Deputy Director of External Relations for King County: cknigh@kingcounty.gov
Mobilizing for Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is in this element of Washington’s Recovery Plan.
Where do we stand today (first week of May 2020) in King County?

- Transmission has slowed, thanks to our collective efforts;

  and

- Most people in our area remain vulnerable to infection, and King County is still having too many cases reported each day

* Institute for Disease Modeling April 29, 2020 Report “Sustained reductions in transmission have led to declining COVID19 prevalence in King County, WA”
A precarious situation: continued physical distancing remains our best weapon to fight the virus at this time

Model shows that daily positive cases could climb rapidly if physical distancing is relaxed too early and the transmission rate goes up (grey line).
Our path forward? Need to quickly and massively scale up the ability to “box in the virus” to help suppress it

“The rapidity with which this work has to be done is really unprecedented. If you miss a few cases, those little sparks can set off a forest fire.”

- Dr. Jeff Duchin
Four important terms to know

Confirmed Case
• A person (with or without symptoms) who received a positive result from a COVID-19 laboratory test

Contact
• A person who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Isolation
• Isolation is for people who test positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms. By staying away from others (isolating) while you’re sick, you can avoid infecting housemates and people in the community.

Quarantine
• Quarantine is for people who are feeling well but have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
  ✓ Experts recommend that people exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days and watch for symptoms.

More details at the COVID-19 glossary
What is the goal of contact tracing?

• To identify people who have come into contact with a person infected with coronavirus to reduce onward transmission
  ✓ Contacts can include family members, friends, work colleagues, healthcare providers, and others

• To link contacts to medical care, link them to testing, promote adherence to quarantine guidance, and collect important epidemiologic data
How does contact tracing work?

- Case is assigned to a public health investigator (WA State Dept. of Health or local PHSKC)

- Investigator calls the case (confirms identity; gets interpreter if needed)

- Interview occurs

  - To assess the current **medical situation** of the case & link to care as needed
  - To assess the **social support** needs of the person and make referrals/connections
  - To identify **contacts and follow up** with them; link the contacts to testing, guidance, care, and support

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**Work to have more complex cases assigned to Public Health-Seattle & King County**
Putting together the pieces to make it successful

**Workforce** for investigation, contact tracing & care coordination

**Tailored approaches** that respond to different settings & to individual needs

**Access to testing and healthcare**

**Community** education, trust and support

**I & Q facilities & services*** for those who cannot safely isolate or quarantine at home

**Support services*** for those in isolation or quarantine at home

* E.g., food, health care, medications, transportation, emotional support, entertainment, financial help, etc.

**Approach centered on racial equity:**

**Cultural considerations and responsiveness** integrated into all aspects

**Language and disability access** planned for and provided in all aspects
Roles – a work in progress

Formation and exploration of roles and partnerships for the many functions needed to make contact tracing as successful as possible.

- WA State Department of Health
- King County (Public Health, Community & Human Services, & others)
- Healthcare systems / health coalitions
- Community-based organizations
- Other entities and community at large
Aligning our approach with King County’s racial equity goals

EXAMPLES:

- Workforce development: build career opportunities and pipelines in public health field
- Investing in community partners and organizations via contracting with community organizations.
We need your guidance

As the contact tracing model and workflows continue to be built out and refined:

• What else is needed to make it as successful as possible?

• Opportunities to advance equity goals and support for groups disproportionately impacted?

• How might your organization/sector contribute?
What’s New

A new infographic and blog help explain isolation & quarantine resources

Download the infographic:
English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Somali, Marshallese, Swahili, Samoan, and Ukrainian.

COVID-19 Data Dashboards
• The new COVID-19 Race/Ethnicity Dashboard, as well as the COVID-19 Daily Summary Dashboard, can be accessed from this site: https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data.aspx

Safe Start Washington: A Phased Approach to Recovery
• Governor Inslee extended the stay-at-home order to the end of May, but some restrictions will be lifted as conditions allow. More at:
https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA_4May20_1pm.pdf

• The Governor announced three new advisory boards focused on supporting the Safe Start Washington. They include the (1) Public Health and Health Care System Community Leaders Group, (2) the Safe Work and Economic Recovery Community Leaders Group, and (3) the Social Supports Community Leaders Group. Read about it here.
Thank You and Closing Notes

• Additional thoughts or questions after the meeting? Please contact Janna or Matias.

• Meeting slide decks are posted, usually a few days after the meeting
  Link/share: www.kingcounty.gov/covid/advisory-group

• Thank you for all your continued efforts to support our community’s health and well-being

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

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Parking Lot Slides for Reference
COVID-19 Call Centers

- King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center,
  206-477-3977  8 AM – 7 PM daily

- King County COVID-19 Business and Community Information Line
  For non-medical questions, including compliance and business-related
  206-296-1608  8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

- Washington State Novel Coronavirus Call Center,
  800-525-0127 and press #.  6 AM – 10 PM daily
  You can also text the word “Coronavirus” to 211-211 to receive information and updates on your phone in
  English or Spanish.

The operators are able to connect with a third-party interpreter. The caller will
need to be able to tell them in English what language you need for interpretation.
Important Resources to Stay Informed on COVID-19

• Subscribe to Public Health's website: www.kingcounty.gov/covid
• Subscribe to the Public Health blog: www.publichealthinsider.com
• Anti-stigma resources: www.kingcounty.gov/ncov/anti-stigma
• Follow us on social media @KCPubHealth Facebook, Insta, and Twitter
• WA State Dept of Health: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
• WA State: https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/
Got something to donate or want to make a request?

www.kingcounty.gov/emergency/donate
Community Mitigation and Recovery Branch

Community mitigation strategies help slow the transmission of virus in our communities.

Community Mitigation & Recovery Branch (Matias Valenzuela, Director)

Pandemic Community Advisory Group

www.kingcounty.gov/covid/advisory-group

Note: Meeting slide decks are now being posted at this site after our meetings.

Sector-specific task forces and groups
- Structures vary
- Stakeholder calls and/or emails; sharing resources
- Outreach to organizations & communities
- Centering on equity considerations
- Identifying high priority gaps & areas where guidance is needed; elevating questions within Public Health
- Encouraging participants to share solutions and ideas with one another
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Note: Staff leads may change over time or rotate.
## Related Groups

### Community Partners Call
Every Monday  
4:00 – 4:45 pm

*Hosted by the community and faith-based task force*

To receive call-in information and other information about this call, please e-mail  
[phpartnerships@kingcounty.gov](mailto:phpartnerships@kingcounty.gov)

### Houseless/homelessness response:
COVID-19 Homelessness Response

Email [covidhomelessnessresponse@kingcounty.gov](mailto:covidhomelessnessresponse@kingcounty.gov) to be added to list serve. Learn about calls, webinars, and resources.

Go to [www.kingcounty.gov/hch](http://www.kingcounty.gov/hch) for up to date information
Speakers Bureau for COVID-19 Community Mitigation Support

Public Health – Seattle & King County
For webinars and information please contact us

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Where possible please give us 48 hours notice of webinar presentations.
This will give us time to ask questions and prepare for your team.