



Situation Report

5/26/2020 COVID-19

Incident Number: 1 **Sit Rep#: 12**

Incident Type: Pandemic

City of Medina: Activation Level: Level -3 (Monitoring)

Confirmed Cases in Medina: 11 have positive results, at a rate of 339.0 per 100,000 residents.

Among those with a positive result: 0 (0.0%) have died due to illness, at a rate of 0.0 per 100,000 residents.

Confirmed Cases in Hunts Point: 0 have positive results, at a rate of 0.0 per 100,000 residents.

Source: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data.aspx>

Operational Period: 05/18/2020 to 05/25/2020

Political Subdivisions: King County, Snohomish County, Pierce County

Incident Commander: City Manager Michael Sauerwein

Public Information: Joint Information at direction of Incident Commander

General Situation:

Through the Washington Safe Start plan, businesses and activities are reopening slowly and cautiously in phases. Each phase will last at least three weeks and may be longer depending on how the changes affect the number of new infections and deaths we see. Right now, most of the state is in Phase 1, but eligible counties can apply for a variance to move to Phase 2 of Safe Start before other parts of the state. Follow link to article:

<https://medium.com/wadepthealth/moving-to-the-next-phase-e1d60b8b774f>

The Washington State Emergency Operations Center is currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). The Washington State Emergency Operations Center has been fully activated since January 22, 2020 with ESF 8 taking the lead in response efforts.

The Governor issued Emergency Proclamation 20-05 on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Ongoing executive orders and actions provide measures to reduce spreading of COVID-19.

The Washington State Emergency Operations Center is currently activated at Level one (1) Full

Activation for the COVID 19 Response.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response.

Governor’s Office, DOH, and other WA State and Partner Updates

Governor’s Office

- 05/22/2020 - [ICYMI: Inslee letter requests extension of National Guard mission](#)
- 05/22/2020 - [COVID-19: Garnishments and Accrual of Interest](#)
- 05/22/2020 - [Inslee statement on progression of Safe Start phases](#)
- 05/22/2020 - [Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags \(Victims of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic\)](#)
- 05/19/2020 - [Inslee issues additional guidance for real estate and fitness operations in Phase 2](#)
- 05/19/2020 - [COVID-19: Department of Child, Youth, and Families – Visitation and Remedial Services](#)
- 05/19/2020 - [Inslee extends COVID-19 related proclamation on Visitation and Remedial Services](#)
- 05/19/2020 - [Inslee announces expanded county variance criteria and Working WA Small Business Grants](#)
- 05/18/2020 - [Inslee issues additional guidance for pet grooming operations in Phase 2](#)
- 05/18/2020 - [Inslee announces restart of all medical services in Washington](#)
- 05/18/2020 - [COVID-19: Restrictions on Non-Urgent Medical Procedures](#)
- 05/15/2020 - [COVID-19: Protection Orders and Personal Service \(extension\)](#)
- 05/15/2020 - [Inslee extends COVID-19 proclamation aimed at protecting domestic violence victims](#)

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Across America, states and localities are experiencing different stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, and many have chosen to begin moving gradually and strategically toward resuming normal civic life. To help businesses and community organizations operate as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC released health considerations and tools documents to support a variety of settings. This week, the CDC published a document summarizing [CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President’s Plan for Opening America Up Again](#).

Examples of Considerations Documents

[Considerations for Institutes of Higher Education](#)

[Considerations for Schools](#)

[Considerations for Youth and Summer Camps](#)

Decision Tools for [Schools and Childcare Programs](#):

- [Childcare Programs During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Youth Programs and Camps During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Decision Tools for [Businesses and Workplaces](#):

- [Workplaces During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Restaurants and Bars During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Decision Tool for [Mass Transit](#)

World Health Organization

5/25/2020 - “Don’t be fooled by COVID-19 misinformation”

The World Health Organization has said that not only do we have a pandemic, but we also have an infodemic going on. An infodemic is too much information – some accurate and some not – that makes it hard for people to tell the differences between reliable information and harmful speculation. Follow link to article: <https://medium.com/wadepthealth/dont-be-fooled-by-misinformation-908622c26381>

Department of Health

DOH COVID-19 Literature Review The scientific literature on COVID-19 is rapidly evolving and some articles were selected for review based on their relevance to Washington State decision making around COVID-19 response efforts. Included in the review are some manuscripts that have been made available online as pre-prints but have not yet undergone peer review. For the full report: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus/Resources>

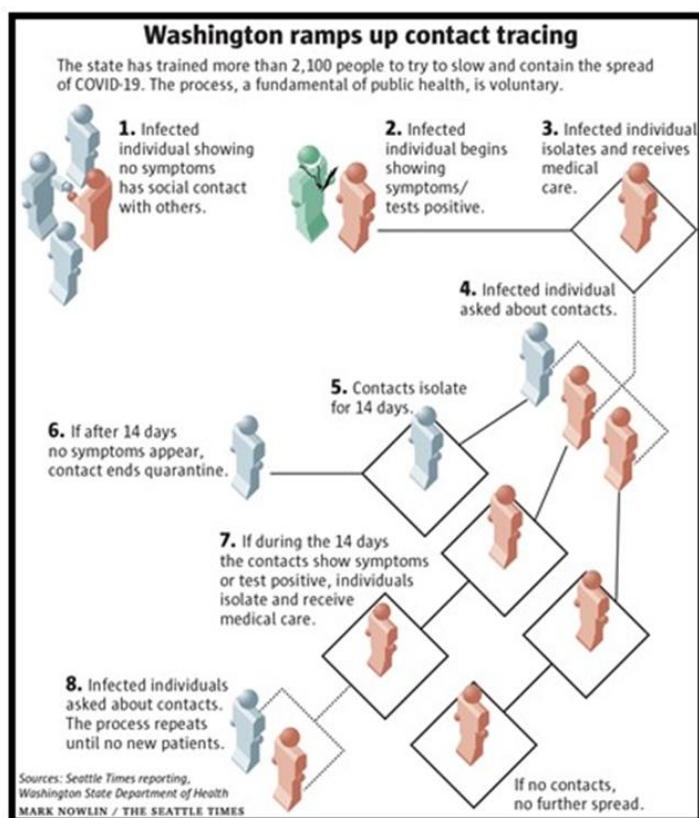
Washington State

Washington Critical supplies delivered: 1.5 million N95 respirators, 983,890 gloves, 127,201 face shields, 841,348 surgical masks and 500 ventilators. ▪ As of May 19, FEMA has obligated \$62.9 million in federal support to Washington. ▪ Many alternate medical facilities in Washington have closed or relocated. ▪ As of May 19, one Battelle N95 decontamination unit is in Tacoma. ▪ A phased reopening is underway.

Washington's [COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard](#) provides a high-level overview of the main data points being monitored by state leaders and public health officials to evaluate risk and inform decisions related to the Governor's Safe Start Reopening Plan.

- **05/25/2020** - Most recent numbers are: 7819 (+55) confirmed cases and 540 (+2) deaths in King County related to COVID19
- **5/25/2020** - In Washington, current modeling suggests we are on a downward trend for deaths per day and hospital resource use. Based on previous data, it is predicted that the state is past our peaks in all tracked areas. However, there is still a possibility for spikes in daily deaths or resource use (as represented by the ranges in the table). See IHME's website for prediction graphs:

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-ofamerica/washington>



- To help stop the spread of COVID-19, Washington residents are asked to stay home as much as possible and this is especially important as the state begins to gradually reopen.
- Face covering directive is now in effect: Prevent spreading COVID-19 when unable to maintain 6 feet

of distance. Washing hands and staying at least 6 feet away from others remain critical steps to help prevent coronavirus.

- Face coverings are not needed when:
 - At home.
 - In your car alone or if you're only with members of your household.
 - Outside walking, exercising, or otherwise outdoors if you can regularly stay 6 feet away from other people who do not live with you.
- Some people are not required to wear face coverings.
- Information on face coverings is available in multiple languages
 - Anyone with mild symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested as soon as possible to reduce its spread through the community – and testing locations are available throughout King County

The blog published on **Public Health Insider**. <https://publichealthinsider.com/2020/04/10/the-danger-of-ending-social-distancing-too-early-a-conversation-with-our-health-officer/>

Provides additional information on what it takes to relax some of the social distancing measures.

Washington National Guard intends to cut back on its deployment by two weeks with a goal of standing down between June 5 and 12. WANG will continue to support NW Harvest major distribution center

King County Government

Health Order

Amended non-congregate sheltering Health Order from Dr. Jeff Duchin, Health Officer for Public Health Seattle & King County. (This may not be relevant to all but is certainly relevant to those organizations providing sheltering)

WHEREAS, first responders and medical professionals have been and remain particularly at risk of contracting COVID-19 and their work is critical and essential to controlling the spread of COVID-19 in King County.

THEREFORE, as the Local Health Officer for King County, I hereby ORDER that King County, through the Executive or his designee, as well as the local cities and towns, are authorized to use legally available resources, whether owned, leased, rented, gifted, loaned, or otherwise provided, for the purpose of assessment and temporary quarantine of persons suspected of being infected with COVID-19, for the temporary isolation and recovery of persons confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, and for the temporary sheltering of first responders and medical professionals who may come into contact with persons suspected of being infected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19, and for those enumerated purposes only; and

Economic, social and overall health impacts:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/impacts.aspx>

Key take-aways from the article:

- 358,200 workers in King County filed for unemployment between March 1 and May 16.
- 5% more women and children were enrolled in PHSKC's nutrition program in April than in January 2020. 5,200 more people enrolled in Medicaid in April than in January 2020.
- 39% of the calls to 211 hotline requested housing assistance from April 1 to April 28, 2020.

- Seattle Police reported a 16% increase in domestic violence calls when compared to the same time in 2019.
- 67,000 households (7.5%) have no internet access.
- Traffic has decreased by 32% when comparing May 20, 2020 to May 21, 2019.

King County Government - contd

- Transportation for Pandemic Response (TPR) allows agencies to book trips for Access customers who are Covid-19 positive or presumed positive
- To apply and learn more about TPR go to: <https://www.research.net/r/TPRApplication>
- King County Donations Connector:
 - Total organizations requesting via Donations Connector platform: 63 total
 - Total organizations offering via Donations Connector platform: 34 total
 - Total donations logged for the response: 147

Fraudulent Unemployment Benefit Claims

- Local agencies and employees are being targeted with fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits, including receiving what look like legitimate ESD benefit claimant letters in the mail. Public is advised to not respond or provide any personal information. Instead, file a fraud claim with ESD.

City of Medina

- Leadership is working on specifics for return to work and exploring options for returning to business. Social distancing, reviewing the layout of facilities to support NPI (Non-pharmaceutical interventions). Expectations (NPI), for example, wearing face coverings, social distancing, will be the new normal. Currently work is underway on a staff Return to work Plan. It appears Phase 2 would allow general officer workers to return to work. Phase 3 specifically references government buildings. Development services has begun office working with no public contact. Public Works is back in service working staggered shifts.
- Community focus include sharing accurate and consistent messages balancing between information overload and targeted messaging; officers offering a reassuring presence around the city- focusing on encouraging voluntary compliance and poised for stepping up efforts should the need arise. Information shared via Medina Police Facebook, City Website and Twitter

Operational

- Ongoing Daily Department Director's Meeting on Coronavirus
- Ongoing Daily King County Emergency Operational (KCEOC) (2:30 pm) check in
- Ongoing Website – updated regularly to reflect changing advice
- Ongoing Disseminate Public Health, CDC, Washington State, King County public messaging
- Ongoing Starting 3/4/2020 KCEOC hosted daily conference call – King County DOH and EOC provide updates on situation regarding ongoing actions as they relate to COVID-19. City representatives provide updates and seek information specific to their area.

Public Health, Law Enforcement Agencies, King County

Activated Emergency Centers: King County, Snohomish County, Pierce County, Squaxin Island Tribe, San Juan County, Clark County, City of Seattle, City of Kirkland, Clallam County, City of Puyallup, City of Tacoma, City of Monroe, City of Marysville Activated: ESF 5, ESF 8, ESF 11, ESF 15, ESF 20