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Tuesday, March 3, 2020	1600	Email: doh-pio@doh.wa.gov Phone: 253-512-7100																									
IMPACTED AREAS County/Regions:	Snohomish and King Counties, WA																										
CURRENT SITUATION (new information highlighted)	<p style="color: red;">Please contact the Poison Control Call Center at 1-800-525-0127 for further information related to this outbreak. Please contact the DOH Duty Officer at 360-888-0838 or hanalert@doh.wa.gov for questions regarding incident management or emergency preparedness and/or response.</p> <p>Washington Confirmed Cases</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">COVID-19 Washington confirmed cases by county in 2020*</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">County</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Cases to date</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Last Changed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>King</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3/3/2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snohomish</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3/3/2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3/3/2020</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="font-size: 8pt;">*This table represents cases detected and tested in the United States through U.S. public health surveillance systems since January 21, 2020. It does not include people who returned to the U.S. via State Department-chartered flights, per CDC guidance. These numbers are updated as of 3:30pm each day.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">COVID-19 Washington Test Results-Updated 3/3/2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Positive (lab confirmed)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deaths</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Total Persons under public health supervision – Updated 3/3/2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">230</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		COVID-19 Washington confirmed cases by county in 2020*			County	Cases to date	Last Changed	King	21	3/3/2020	Snohomish	6	3/3/2020	Total	27	3/3/2020	COVID-19 Washington Test Results-Updated 3/3/2020		Positive (lab confirmed)	27	Deaths	9	Total Persons under public health supervision – Updated 3/3/2020		Total:	230
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Executive Summary	<p>IMT Epidemiologists continue to evaluate and monitor potential contacts and reach out to travelers. Operations staff are focused on building communications to promote community engagement, and establishing safe and scalable isolation capabilities. DOH response efforts are focused on three main areas: continuing epidemiology and lab testing operations, supporting healthcare systems readiness, and emphasizing mitigation efforts.</p>																										
Current Operations	<p>Currently the DOH IMT Operations section is engaged in the following activities:</p> <p>Overall Operations</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All groups worked on adjusting operations based on evolving CDC guidance and situational awareness around quarantine planning and operations. - Support and coordination with 4 patients transferred to Spokane, as well as shipment of daily COVID-19 tests for CDC. 																										

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- Established a Mission Planning Group to develop guidance on operationalizing Non-Pharmaceutical Intervention guides 10 through 13.
- Implemented transition plan to divide this incident into two separate components, each led by one of two DOH Incident Management Teams (one in Shoreline, WA and one in Tumwater, WA) to operationalize 2/28/2020. These structures will have the advantage of being able to operate with greater efficiency. Additionally, the agency implemented an area command responsible for supporting the incident commands administratively.

Epidemiological Operations Task Force

Background:

- Provided guidance documentation for travelers entering Washington via SeaTac Airport or cruise ships on COVID-19, social distancing, and symptom monitoring.
- Continue to utilize TIMS. Washington State is the first to use this system. Responses to TIMS forwarded to JHLs for more information.
- Support and coordination for the COVID-19 tests heading from Spokane and Thurston Counties to the CDC.
- Continuing to process EpiX traveler records.
- Enhanced Surveillance Report demonstrated today (2/24) using syndromic surveillance, WDRS, mortality, and call center data.
- Convened CDEpi investigator call, including COVID-19 update.
- Supported LHJs in managing influx of calls related to potential PUIs with updated guidance from CDC.
- Conducted weekly call with Local Health Officers regarding COVID-19 updates.
- Assembling an infection control strike team to use Puget Sound Area infection control associations to provide technical assistance for guidance documents.
- Finalized plan with PHL to streamline system for receiving and testing specimens and communicating results for follow-up.
- Call with health officers and investigators to discuss UWMC specimen testing.
- Worked on socializing processes related to testing and collection amongst LHJs.

Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Group

Background:

- Gained EUA for COVID-19 testing capabilities with approval from FDA and CDC.
- LIMs lab data entry module is running and staff are being trained.
- Onboarded 5 UW SEAL students on lab systems as testing support, allowing for surge capacity when needed.
- Staffing 2 microbiologists for surge capacity testing at PHL.
- Dashboard is in production for improved communication between Epi and PHL.
- PHL began testing today (2/28/2020).
- Building capacity for COVID-19 specimen testing.

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- Activated 60 staff members to boost testing capacity, training will be conducted in the coming operational period.
- Ordered automated extractors for testing process that will improve throughput.

Community Engagement Task Force

Background:

- Identified working components of task force:
 - o Public Health Policy, Guidance, and Communication
 - o Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI)
 - o Community Relations
- Provided guidance for pathologists, medical examiners, and coroners who may perform autopsies on patients with COVID-19.
- Sent out school guidance documents for schools and daycare centers.
- Guidance for businesses posted on Basecamp and DOH external website and distributed to employers and business throughout Washington in partnership with Departments of Commerce and Revenue.
- Finalized and sent out guidance to multiple older adult serving organizations and related healthcare partners on “At risk individuals and those with underlying medical conditions”
- Updated DOH website with new guidance documents for at risk individuals and senior centers.
- Coordinated and engaged multiple stakeholders to keep them updated on our response and meet their needs/concerns/requests.
- Community Engagement Task Force continues to work to enhance the public knowledge and settle fears.
- Posted new guidance to external DOH website regarding health education and stigma reduction resources.
- Created and distributed guidance for library systems, faith-based organizations and institutions, and neighborhood associations and councils statewide.

Healthcare Systems Readiness Task Force

Background:

- Established basecamp website for LHJs, including infection prevention guidance, and additional guidance from DOH.
- Completed and distributed WATrac guidance for updating airborne infection isolation rooms.
- Developed home health kits for impacted public health partners.
- Worked on improving Non-pharmaceutical Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) and mitigation strategies based on updated leader’s intent.

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- Developing/augmenting guidance for PPE resource conservation.
- COVID-19 Assessment Matrix of survey questions regarding staffing, supplies, space and systems at hospitals collated for future survey use at DOH.
- NPI guidance posted on Basecamp and distributed to partners.
- Successful call with healthcare executives hosted by WSHA and DOH.
- Updated COVID-19 Assessment Matrix to reflect current LHJ planning & gaps.

Updates:

- HHS is sending 2 teams that will be operational by Friday for 14 days.
- 2 – 12 hour shifts (Team comprised of 1 Doctor, 3 Nurse Prac, 10 Rns), they will be briefed and fit tested on Thursday.
- This is the short term solution that we have, we are working on a longer term solution.
- We worked with our federal partners and the nursing commission to achieve a way to get two federal teams of health care workers into Life Care Center on Thursday.
- We are close to finalizing an application and process for implementing our state’s Volunteer Emergency Health Practitioner Act, chapter 70.15 RCW
- We have scheduled a call with our tribal partners scheduled for Friday to discuss clinical care and medical surge planning, the AIHC is hosting and Scott Lindquist and Anne Newcombe will present.
- We created a new IMT flow of communication process to help us triage emails from health care partners, community members, and staff to streamline the process and enhance customer service.
- We are diving deeper into EMS questions received and documents local health has created.

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) Task Force

Background:

- NPI Task Force continued their work with our partners at the State EOC and is producing hi-quality guidance documents.
- Today the published guidance for Correctional Facilities.
- Developed guidance for congregant living, childcare, schools k-12, and higher education.
- Developed guidance for event closures.

Updates:

- Catching up on technical review of documents and getting guidance documents finalized
- Improving information management practices and cataloging documents

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- Tracking status of 93 projects/products underway
- Preparing series of guidance documents for release to Local and Tribal jurisdictions tomorrow
- Finalized technical review of documents and getting guidance documents finalized
- Improved information management practices and cataloging documents
- Finalized project tracking dashboard
- Preparing series of guidance documents for release to Local and Tribal jurisdictions
- Preparing for Local elected officials call tomorrow
- Built staffing plan

Isolation and Quarantine Task Force

Background:

- Finalized plan for quarantine site to receive and monitor individuals, plans for non-life-threatening transport of any potential COVID-19 patients to a specific DOH quarantine site, and tear-down and transition plans for quarantine site.
- Continue to conduct tabletop exercises for quarantine staff groups in preparation for additional quarantine needs.
- Continue to conduct safety assessment for isolation site, ensuring site is ADA compliance.
- Quarantine site demobilization plan completed though site will be available until south sound isolation and quarantine site is available.
- Finalized discharge plan for use at quarantine site.
- Shoreline quarantine site has begun demobilization process, anticipated to be demobilized ahead of schedule.

Updates:

- Getting the RVs inventoried and ready to see what we need in regards to supplies that we will need to make a shopping list for.
- As for the generator and propane, currently we have one generator (with enough fuel for probably two more days) and one full propane tank.
- Swapped out stock waste water hoses for tiger tail quick release hoses
- Put together pop up tent for Pod 2 hand wash station
- Troubleshoot power issues for RV hook ups
- Had visit from Greg Miller from DOC about restricted area signs out front of Maple Lane Facility
- Organized supplies delivered yesterday and today from Shoreline Quarantine site
- Three DOC personnel got fit tested for N95 masks from L&I staff
- Will take in two more RVs to be delivered around 5:00 this evening

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	<p>Public Information</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating and executing communications strategy for each incident within the response. - Situation-specific Joint Information Coordination to ensure consistent messaging across jurisdictions. - Created basic foundational messaging for the public about safety precautions in case of a pandemic. - Communicated guidance to Northshore School District teacher who recently returned from Hong Kong. - Updated guidance for schools on DOH external website and shared with LHJs. - Infographic on quarantine vs. isolation finalized. <p>FEMA Region 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Washington</u>: Activation level 1. Twenty-seven COVID-19 cases. - <u>Oregon</u>: Activation level 2. Three COVID-19 cases, persons under monitoring: 101. (updated 3/2/2020) - <u>Idaho</u>: Activation level 3. No cases. (updated 3/3/2020). People tested was inserted as cases in error on 3/2/2020 SitRep. - <u>Alaska</u>: Activation level 2. No cases.
<p>Literature Situation Report</p>	<p>This is not official guidance from the CDC and is based on a Department of Health literature review. Reports can be found here: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus/Resources</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptive studies of fatal COVID-19 cases continue to converge on key factors that appear to be associated with an elevated risk of death: older age, male sex, and comorbidities (e.g., hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes). - The effectiveness of contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation requires further review as more studies continue to explore the contextual epidemic factors that may influence how well these processes can limit the spread of COVID-19. - Development and testing of new diagnostic and prognostic tools that use machine learning and deep learning computer models are producing promising results for sensitive, specific, and cost effective methods. - China CDC has reported detailed recommendations on disinfection practices for SARS-CoV-2 for use across a range of settings and items.

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	<p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several studies in recent days have explored the possibility of antibody screening as an alternative or supplemental diagnostic test for COVID-19. Results have been largely promising, especially for combined RT-PCR and antibody testing. - Closed environments have been tied to increased disease transmission, as evidenced by several COVID-19 outbreaks in places like hospitals, long-term care facilities, and cruise ships. - A new hospital-based environmental hygiene study detected SARS-CoV-2 on surfaces and in air samples. Authors offer four key recommendations to improve infection control in hospitals. - The time required for a patient to fully clear the SARS-CoV-2 virus is still under study, though new evidence suggests that certain therapeutic treatment options may delay full viral clearance.
<p>Key Messages from Public Information Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Health is coordinating with local, state, tribal and federal partners on efforts to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19. • There are steps people can take to reduce their risk of getting any viral respiratory infection. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wash your hands frequently. ○ Avoid touching your mouth and eyes. ○ Cover your coughs and sneezes. ○ Stay away from people who are sick. ○ Stay home when you are sick. • For the latest information please visit: www.doh.wa.gov/coronavirus • If people are concerned or want to learn more about COVID-19, we have a call center open. Call 1-800-525-0127 and press #. • Media inquiries should be directed to doh-pio@doh.wa.gov or 253-512-7100.
<p>Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase handwashing and use of alcohol-based sanitizer 2. Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette 3. Keep distance from others (> 6 feet) 4. Frequently clean and disinfect surfaces 5. Remain home during a respiratory illness

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Washington State COVID-19 news: 3/3/2020

DOH mentions/ Quotes

[Washington Department of Health briefs Senate on status COVID-19](#) (briefing senate committee; WA State Wire)

[WA Dept. of Health asking lawmakers for \\$100M for coronavirus response](#) (Sec. Wiesman quoted; KUOW, Spokesman Review, Olympian, Columbian, Kitsap Daily News, KNKX)

[One person under investigation for coronavirus in Grant County](#) (DOH & State Public Health Labs mentioned; KHQ)

[Colville School District closed as person is tested for coronavirus](#) (DOH call line mentioned; Chewelah Independent, KREM, Ifiberone)

[Gov. Inslee address concerns about COVID-19 as the CDC arrives to investigate the spread](#) (DOH mentioned; KHQ Tri City Herald, Tacoma News Tribune, Olympian, KIMA, KNKX)

[Amid virus outbreak, health officials stress hand-washing, usual seasonal hygiene steps](#) (DOH mentioned; Columbian, KOMO, KIRO)

WA State

[High School Basketball State Championships still scheduled amid coronavirus concerns](#) (KHQ, Tri City Herald, Yakima Herald, Olympian)

[Virus tracks west, ebbing China; Fed slashes rates](#) (AP, VOX)

[Perfect storm; Washington virus deaths highlight nursing home highlight risk at nursing homes](#) (Reuters)

[First days at the heart of an outbreak; Life Care nursing home becomes national epicenter of coronavirus](#) (Seattle Times)

[Fears over coronavirus close immigration office in Tukwila](#) (Seattle Times, KIRO, KOMO, Q13)

[What Seattleites should know about travel amid virus outbreak](#) (Seattle Times)

[Global fears of the novel coronavirus hurt Chinese businesses in the Seattle area](#) (Seattle Times)

[Yakima school district outlines coronavirus plans; has cleaning supplies ready](#) (Yakima Herald)

[No cases of novel coronavirus in Yakima County](#) (Yakima Herald)

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[Wildhorse casino worker in Oregon tests positive for novel coronavirus](#) (Yakima Herald, Tri City Herald, KEPR, KIMA, KOMO)

[Coronavirus blamed for six deaths in Washington State; no cases confirmed East of the Cascades](#) (Spokesman Review, Seattle PI, Tacoma News Tribune, Olympian, Columbian, KEPR, KOMO, Q13, ifiberone)

[Hand sanitizer, toilet paper and other supplies dwindle amid coronavirus fears](#) (Spokesman Review)

[Spokane schools prepare for coronavirus as other schools close](#) (Spokesman Review)

[Schools close for cleaning Tuesday amid coronavirus concerns](#) (Seattle PI)

[How you can tell if you have a cold, the flu, or coronavirus; local experts weigh in](#) (Seattle PI)

[Coronavirus could force Pierce County schools to close, offer online instruction](#) (Tacoma News Tribune)

[Sanitizer, toilet paper sales brisk in Thurston County as coronavirus concerns grow](#) (Olympian)

[Clark County Public health testing seven people for coronavirus](#) (Columbian)

[Local hospital, agencies prepare for novel coronavirus](#) (Longview Daily News)

[Proactive, not reactive: Local businesses swap coronavirus safety plans](#) (Longview Daily News)

[One tests negative for coronavirus in Kittitas Co., two others now being tested](#) (KIMA)

[Showing coronavirus symptoms and can't get to a doctor? Try a virtual visit](#) (King 5)

[Real time updates: Coronavirus testing expanded after six Washington deaths](#) (King 5)

[All Northshore schools closed as staff prepare for possibility of coronavirus outbreak](#) (KIRO, KOMO, Q13, KNKX)

[MultiCare cancels benefit concert at Fox Theater over coronavirus concerns](#) (KREM)

[Bloomsday could be canceled if coronavirus becomes epidemic or pandemic](#) (KREM)

National

[Comparing the coronavirus to the flu](#) (KIRO 7)

[Outbreak Strikes Seattle Area as Testing Is Scrutinized](#) (New York Times)

[Coronavirus identified in Umatilla County \(mentions WA State Public Health labs; Walla Walla Union-Bulletin\)](#) <https://apnews.com/8159ebddaf5a3ebd785293670a78990a>

[Florida governor declares public health emergency after state records first coronavirus cases](#) (The Hill)

[Anxiety mounts among U.S. health workers on the front lines of coronavirus outbreak](#) (LA Times)

[Santa Fe remains tourist destination amid virus concerns](#) (AP)

[Second virus case confirmed in New York](#) (AP, Reuters)

[Hundreds of Oregonians likely infected with Coronavirus; state health officer says](#) (Seattle Times)

[Snohomish County was ground zero for virus outbreak, analysis says](#) (Everett Herald)

[More testing sheds light on how virus is spreading in the US](#) (Seattle PI)

[6 things travelers should know in the age of coronavirus contagion](#) (Seattle PI)

[US Schools are in a "state of alert" amid coronavirus outbreak. Are they overreacting – or not doing enough?](#) (USA Today)

[Coronavirus: San Antonio says evacuees will leave quarantine after a CDC change](#) (NPR)

[The coronavirus could help pharma reset its reputation in Washington](#) (STAT)

Global

[Olympic flame lighting in Greece to proceed despite virus](#) (AP)

[New Europe virus response; seize masks and close schools](#) (AP)

[Cruise ship in Norway awaits virus test on 2 passengers](#) (AP, Seattle Times)

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[IOC stands firm on Tokyo games despite virus concerns](#) (Seattle Times, USA Today)

[Iran orders troops to fight corona virus as 77 dead](#) (Seattle Times)

[North Korean swagger may conceal brewing virus disaster](#) (AP, Seattle Times)

[WHO: Coronavirus tougher to spread than flu, but more severe](#) (KOMO)

[Personal Essay from Wuhan: "Living in Hell"](#) (KUOW, NPR)

[WHO Rejects pandemic. Either way "we should not be afraid"](#) (USA Today, CNN)

[Not sure what the future holds for coronavirus? Here is how three other infections outbreaks ended](#) (CNN)

[Who is getting sick, and how sick? A breakdown of coronavirus risk by demographic factors](#) (STAT)

Economic/ Viewpoints

[Japan minister: games could be held anytime in 2020](#) (AP)

[Tradeshows blues; exhibitors go virtual as virus spreads](#) (AP)

[List of sports affected by virus from China](#) (AP)

[US cuts rates as G7 pledges action but no quick coronavirus fix](#) (Reuters, Seattle Times, Q13, KUOW, CNN, NPR)

[Chanel hosts pared down show as virus keeps many VIPs away](#) (Seattle Times)

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