Island County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
  • Jill Johnson
  • Helen Price Johnson
  • Janet St. Clair

Assessor - Mary Engle
Auditor - Shellah Crider
Clerk - Debra Van Pelt
Coroner - Robert Bishop
Prosecuting Attorney - Greg Banks
Sheriff - Rick Felici
Treasurer - Wanda Grone

Local Public Health Officials
  • Keith Higman, Director
  • Chris Spitters, Interim Health Officer

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NE 7th St., Rm 214
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000
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San Juan County Elected Officials

County Council
- Bill Watson
- Rick Hughes
- Jamie Stephens

Assessor - John Kulseth
Auditor - F. Milene Henley
Clerk - Lisa Henderson
Prosecuting Attorney / Coroner - Randall K. Gaylord
Sheriff - Ron Krebs
Treasurer - Rhonda Pederson

Local Public Health Officials
- Mark Tompkins, Director
- Frank James, Health Officer

55 Second St
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
360-378-2898
Skagit County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
• Ron Wesen
• Ken Dahlstedt
• Lisa Janicki

Assessor - Dave Thomas
 Auditor - Sandra Perkins
 Clerk - Melissa Beaton
 Coroner - Hayley Thompson
 Prosecuting Attorney - Rich Weyrich
 Sheriff - Don McDermott
 Treasurer - Jackie Brunson

Local Public Health Officials
• Jennifer Johnson, Director
• Howard Leibrand, Health Officer

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Suite 100
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
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Snohomish County Elected Officials

**County Executive** - Dave Somers

**County Council**
- Nate Nehring
- Megan Dunn
- Stephanie Wright

Assessor - Linda Hjelle
Auditor - Garth Fell
Clerk - Heidi Percy
Medical Examiner - J. Matthew Lacy
Prosecuting Attorney - Adam Cornell
Sheriff - Adam Fortney
Treasurer - Brian Sullivan

**Local Public Health Officials**
- Shawn Frederick, *Administrator*
- Chris Spitters, *Health Officer*

3000 Rockefeller Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

**Executive** | 425-388-3050
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Whatcom County Elected Officials

County Executive - Satpal Singh Sidhu

County Council
- Barry Buchanan
- Todd Donovan
- Ben Elenbaas
- Carol Frazey
- Rud Browne
- Tyler Byrd
- Kathy Kershner

Assessor - Rebecca Xczar
Auditor - Diana Bradrick
Clerk - David L. Reynolds
Medical Examiner - Gary Goldfogel
Prosecuting Attorney - Eric J. Richey
Sheriff - Bill Elfo
Treasurer - Steven N. Oliver

Local Public Health Officials
- Erika Lautenbach, Director
- Greg Stern, Health Officer

311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Executive | 360-778-5200
Council | 360-778-5010

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Local Public Health Response

Shawn Frederick – Administrator, Snohomish Health District

Mark Tompkins – Director, San Juan County Health & Community Services
JANUARY - MARCH

Awareness but limited preparedness

Monitoring of travelers

Readying public health response

Coordinating with public health system
MARCH - PRESENT

- Case Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Community Measures
- Local Agency Coordination
- Communication and Messaging
CHALLENGES AND LOOKING AHEAD

- Reducing restrictions and Phase 2
- Planning for second wave
- Workforce
- FPHS: On-going infrastructure needs
Impact on County Functions

How Has Responding To The Covid-19 Pandemic Affected County Functions?

• Essential needs – i.e. housing/homelessness, solid waste, broadband, transportation, food scarcity, etc.
• Public Safety
• Budget and Finances

Skagit County has stopped accepting ferry fare due to social distancing issues.

In San Juan County, the chip seal program has been delayed due to supplier issues.
Snohomish County

Early on, Snohomish County identified a need to have better coordination with the human service providers that have been providing resources and outreach to our sheltered population, people working to transition out of homelessness and people experiencing homelessness. Councilmember Dunn organized biweekly calls, collected survey results to identify immediate needs, emerging issues and barriers and complied a stakeholder list of over 80 contacts and organizations. We have weekly updates from the health district, the County and expert speakers on mental health, housing, employment benefits and other identified needs. We’ve been hearing from the service providers that these calls have been very informative and beneficial for being able to connect with the Health District and Council.

Skagit County

- Agencies are being creative and flexible with telehealth.
- Our detox has struggled with staffing issues related to COVID and had to cut capacity at different times.
- Our outreach workers aren’t able to provide transportation.
- Drug court can’t do UAs.
- Overdoses have increased.
- People in recovery are struggling due to lack of social support.
Land Use and Permitting

- **San Juan County** has closed campgrounds at all county parks until May 30th. The county has also closed all playgrounds, transient rentals (anything less than 30 days) and transient moorage until May 4th.

- **Skagit County** has closed its permitting office to the public and most employees are working remotely. Non-emergency building inspections have stopped and any inspections for emergency repairs are being conducted via Facetime or Skype.

- **Island County** has implemented a low-income discount program for solid waste disposal. Transactions are being limited to credit card only – cash or checks are prohibited.

- **Snohomish County** has taken action authorizing time limit extensions for permits, applications and other approval. This will provide more time for residents to complete projects and provide information and analysis before their permits and applications expire.
Everett Gospel Mission has reduced capacity by about 50 people and stopped taking in new people to create space and reduce the possible spread of COVID-19. Additionally, they stopped providing congregate meals and switched to sack meals for those who are showing up.

Snohomish County will not be able to continue to shelter the 300 individuals we have gotten off the streets for more than approximately 6 more weeks without an infusion of additional resources.

Snohomish County is interested in grant deadline relief because field crews are not able to get work done on deadlines (mostly federal at this point).

Skagit County has 45 high risk homeless individuals in motel vouchers right now but has no resources to keep these very vulnerable individuals sheltered after May 4.
Anticipated Needs Moving Forward

• What are key matters needing attention at the county level in order to dial activities back up?
• What problems do you anticipate as we move into our “new normal?”
• What impacts do you foresee on your county budget, staffing, services, etc.?
• How can counties help restart the economy? What do you need in order to assist?
• What scares you right now and looking ahead?

North Sound Region BHASO notes that agencies and facilities are suffering due to the fee for service payment model and BH providers are struggling to survive.
Questions?
THANK YOU

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