COVID-19
County Response
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

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Board Of County Commissioners
  • Randy Johnson
  • Mark Ozias
  • Bill Peach

Assessor – Pamela Rushton
Auditor - Shoona Riggs
Clerk – Nikki Botnen
Coroner – Mark Nichols
Prosecuting Attorney – Mark Nichols
Sheriff – Bill Benedict
Treasurer – Teresa Marchi

Local Public Health Officials
  • Andy Brastad, Director
  • Allison Unthank, Health Officer

223 East 4th St.
Port Angeles, WA 98362
360-417-2000
Grays Harbor County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
• Wes Cormier
• Vickie Raines
• Randy Ross

Assessor – Dan Lindgren
Auditor - Joe MacLean
Clerk – Kimberly Foster
Coroner – Robert Kegel
Prosecuting Attorney – Katie Svoboda
Sheriff – Rick Scott
Treasurer – Ken Albert

Local Public Health Officials
• Karolyn Holden, Director
• John Bausher, Health Officer

100 West Broadway
Suite #1
Montesano, WA 98563
360-249-3731
Jefferson County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners

• Greg Brotherton
• Kate Dean
• David Sullivan

Assessor – Jeff Chapman
Auditor - Rose Ann Carroll
Clerk – Ruth Gordon
Prosecuting Attorney / Coroner – James Kennedy
Sheriff – Joe Nole
Treasurer – Stacie Prada

Local Public Health Officials

• Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director
• Tom Locke, Health Officer

1820 Jefferson Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
360-385-9100
Kitsap County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
  • Charlotte Garrido
  • Robert Gelder
  • Edward (Ed) Wolfe

Assessor – Phil Cook
Auditor - Paul Andrews
Clerk – Alison Sonntag
Coroner- Jeff Wallis
Prosecuting Attorney – Chad Enright
Sheriff – Gary Simpson
Treasurer – Meredith Green

Local Public Health Officials
  • Keith Grellner, Administrator
  • Susan Turner, Health Officer

619 Division St
4th Floor
Port Orchard, WA 98366
360-337-7080
Mason County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
• Randy Neatherlin
• Kevin Shutty
• Sharon Trask

Assessor – Patti McLean
Auditor - Paddy McGuire
Clerk – Sharon Fogo
Coroner- Wes Stockwell
Prosecuting Attorney – Michael Dorcy
Sheriff – Casey Salisbury
Treasurer – Lisa Frazier

Local Public Health Officials
• Dave Windom, Administrator
• Daniel Stein, Health Officer

411 N 5th St
Shelton, WA 98584
360-427-9670
Local Public Health Response

Vicki Kirkpatrick – Director
Jefferson County Health and Human 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
**HERE’S WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**Kitsap County** estimates that the initial Commerce COVID-19 Homeless Response Grant and FEMA requested funding will fund our Q/I Centers through mid-May and other homeless response activities through the end of May, depending on the demand for the Q/I beds.

**Mason County** - Our Adult emergency shelter operates on a special use permit for seven months of the year, which ends April 30. They are only open 8 pm – 8 am for shelter during this time, which was costing $25,000/month. As part of the COVID-19 response, they have gone to 24/7 operations. We can sustain this with the help of the Commerce COVID-19 Emergency Housing Grant; however, it will drain funds that we need to keep available for isolation and quarantine should we need it. Hotels/motel rooms, while a good isolation/quarantine option, are not sustainable, and one room runs about $3,000 a month.

**Jefferson County’s** permitting and planning offices remain closed to the public. Due to construction restrictions, demand from new applications has declined significantly. Plans and applications are being accepted via and outside drop box. All public hearing and meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

**Kitsap, Clallam & Jefferson** all noted they are beginning to see supplier issue, which is holding projects up. If this extends into construction season projects will fall significantly behind.
Grays Harbor building and planning staff are returning to work Monday with new social distancing requirements. The office will remain closed to the public. No applications for permits were accepted over the last couple of weeks and any received by mail were returned to the senders. New applications will be accepted again starting Monday via mail and in-person through a new social distancing procedure.

Clallam County solid waste self-hauling traffic is up significantly while commercial collection has decreased. All services remain open and available, albeit with some restrictions, including recycling, moderate risk waste disposal, drop boxes and transfer stations.

Mason County was forced to temporarily suspend recycling services but has since reopened them with social distancing requirements. They have experienced significant pressure for disposal from neighboring county residents due to reduced services in adjacent jurisdictions. Additional social distancing and PPE requirements are in place and people are being encouraged not to come unless it is absolutely necessary.

Kitsap County is only conducting inspections if no one else is onsite.
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?
Questions?
THANK YOU

These slides, a copy of the webinar, and notes from this session will be shared with you as soon as possible.