COVID-19 County Response
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020
King County Elected Officials

County Council
- Claudia Balducci
- Rod Dembowski
- Reagan Dunn
- Jeanne Kohl-Welles
- Kathy Lambert
- Dave Upthegrove
- Pete Von Reichbauer
- Girmay Zahilay

Assessor – John Wilson
Clerk – Barbara Miner
Director of Elections – Julie Wise
Director of Records & Licensing – Norman Alberg
Medical Examiner – Richard Harruff
Prosecuting Attorney – Dan Satterberg
Sheriff – Mitzi Johanknecht
Treasury Manager – Carol Basile

County Executive
- Dow Constantine

Local Public Health Officials
- Patty Hayes, Director
- Jeff Duchin, Health Officer

516 Third Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Council | 206-477-1000
Executive | 206-263-9600
Board Of County Commissioners

• Laura Osiadacz
• Brett Wachsmith
• Cory Wright

Assessor – Mike Hougardy
Auditor - Jerry Pettit
Clerk – Val Barschaw
Coroner – Nick Henderson
Prosecuting Attorney – Greg Zempel
Sheriff – Clay Myers
Treasurer – Amy Cziske

Local Public Health Officials

• Tristen Lamb, Administrator
• Mark Larson, Health Officer

205 W 5th Ave.
Ellensburg, WA 98926
509-962-7508
Pierce County Elected Officials

County Council
• Marty Campbell
• Connie Ladenburg
• Jim McCune
• Dave Morell
• Douglas Richardson
• Pam Roach
• Derek Young

Assessor / Treasurer – Mike Lonergan
Auditor - Julie Anderson
Clerk – Kevin Stock
Medical Examiner – Thomas Clark
Prosecuting Attorney – Mary Robnett
Sheriff – Paul Pastor

County Executive
• Bruce Dammeier

Local Public Health Officials
• Anthony Chen, Director & Health Officer

930 Tacoma Ave South
Tacoma, WA 98402
Council | 253-798-7777
Executive | 253-798-7477
Thurston County Elected Officials

Board Of County Commissioners
- Gary Edwards
- John Hutchings
- Tye Menser

Assessor – Steven Drew
Auditor – Mary Hall
Clerk – Linda Myhre Enlow
Coroner – Gary Warnock
Prosecuting Attorney – Jon Tunheim
Sheriff – John Snaza
Treasurer – Jeff Gadman

Local Public Health Officials
- Schelli Slaughter, Director
- Diana Yu, Health Officer

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Olympia, WA 98502
360-786-5440
King - Rumors among staff and the general public are proving difficult to manage and offices are working to get ahead of inaccurate, and at times harmful, intel.

Thurston, Snohomish & King - Problems with the general public approaching employee (road crews, public works, etc) to ask what they are doing/complain/strike up conversation. Public works departments have started making signs asking the public to keep a distance.

Pierce County has been experiencing a significant increase in self-hauling traffic to its transfer stations. However, commercial collections have decreased due to the Governor’s Proclamation. To minimize interactions and transmission potential they are only accepting credit card payments and have limited yard waste disposal to Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Kittitas County Community Development Services has closed its offices to the public. Plans and permit applications are being accepted via an outdoor drop box. Any outside materials and documents are being aged 48 hours prior to staff handling. Permits are being processed but not issued and inspections not related to work authorized by the Governor’s current Proclamation are not be conducted.
Thurston County building and planning department offices are closed to the public and submittals are being accepted by electronic means and in a dropbox. Most staff are working remotely and any necessary inspections are being conducted via Skype, Facetime, or otherwise electronically.

King County solid waste is continuing to offer all services at this time. Social distancing limitations and additional PPE for staff have been implemented at all facilities. King County is not accepting out of county waste.

In Thurston County, 1/10 of 1% sales tax supports housing, mental health and substance use treatment for individuals in jail (shown to reduce recidivism), treatment courts and related programs, and treatment for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible. While we do not yet know the amount by which revenue will decline, we are currently planning for a 20% reduction; this would represent $1.3m in our county.

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Local Public Health Response

Dr. Anthony Chen – Director of Health
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
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
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

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