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King County Councilmember

District 7 Fall 2020 Update



Dear Friends:

As we continue to face the unprecedented challenges that this year has brought us, we appreciate the resiliency of our community members and their efforts to volunteer and share their resources with those who are in need. Likewise, the King County Council is working hard to continue providing services to our community during these trying times.

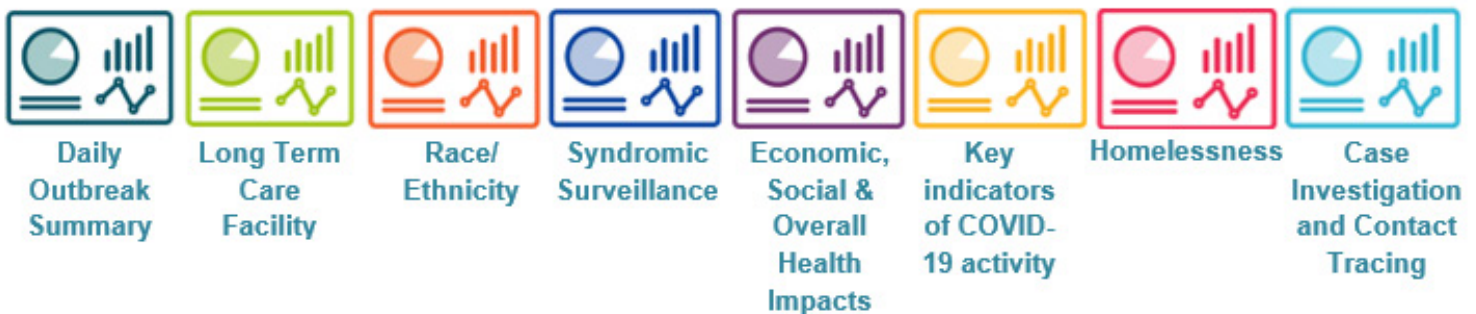
In this report, you will find information on King County's COVID-19 response including additional mask distribution locations and new testing sites in South King County, King County "Get Active, Stay Active" grant recipients, links to virtual forums that I have hosted, and the recent King County Metro changes that will help keep riders in South King County healthy.

With best wishes,



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King County COVID-19 Data Dashboards



Daily Summary: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary>

Long Term Care: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/LTCF>

Race/Ethnicity: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/race-ethnicity>

Syndromic Surveillance: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/syndromic>

Economic, Social & Overall: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/impacts>

Key indicators of COVID-19 activity: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/key-indicators>

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

Case Investigation and Contact Tracing: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/contact-tracing.aspx>

Face Mask Distribution

King County has purchased 25 million cloth and disposable masks in an effort to provide these critical supplies to our communities as we enter new phases of re-opening in the wake of COVID-19. For more information about resources for small businesses, community and faith-based organizations, child care providers, individual residents and upcoming mask distribution events in King County, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/maskdistribution. For other resources, check the [King County Regional Donations Connector](#).



Free Face Masks at all King County Safeway Stores

King County has partnered with Safeway and United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Local 21 to distribute 750,000 free face masks at Safeway locations throughout King County starting today. Customers at the 59 Safeway locations in King County can obtain two free reusable masks per person in their household, for up to 12 masks total, while at the check stand. Disposable masks will also be available at all stores for customers who may have forgotten or misplaced their masks.

Free COVID-19 Testing

Public Health – Seattle & King County urges anyone with mild COVID-19 symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone ill with COVID-19, to contact a healthcare provider to discuss testing. There are several [no-cost testing sites](#) in King County that are open to anyone who cannot access COVID-19 testing through their regular health care provider. Most of these sites are nonprofit community health centers. [Public Health FAQ](#)

By mail (SCAN)

The Greater Seattle Coronavirus Assessment Network (SCAN) study is working to understand how COVID-19 is spreading throughout King County, and offers free, confidential, at-home tests. Enroll at scanpublichealth.org/screener.

Sea Mar Community Health Centers

Federal Way

31405 18th Ave S, Federal Way, 98003
Tuesdays 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Thursdays 9:00 AM – 1:00PM
253-681-6600

Kent

233 2nd Ave S, Kent, 98032
Mondays 9:00 AM – 1:00PM
206-436-6380

UW Mobile Clinic

Highline College

2400 S 240th St., Des Moines, 98198
Wednesdays 7:00 AM – 1:00PM
206-744-0400

Kent Showare Center

625 W James St., Kent, 98032
Thursdays 7:00AM – 1:00PM
206-744-0400

Auburn City Adventist Church

402 29th St. SE, Auburn, 98002
Tuesdays 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
206-477-0400

HealthPoint

Auburn

126 Auburn Ave, Auburn, 98002
866-893-5717 (Call for appointment)

Kent Urgent Care

219 State Ave N, Suite 100, Kent, 98030
866-893-5717 (Call for appointment)

Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority

Auburn Drive-thru

2701 C St. SW, Auburn, 98001
Monday - Saturday 9:30AM – 4:30PM
206-477-3977 | [Make an appointment online](#)

CHI Franciscan

Federal Way (Opening October 13th)

650 SW Campus Dr, Federal Way, 98023
Monday to Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM | <https://www.chifranciscan.org/freetesting>

King County Metro is “Ready When You Are”

King County Metro is rolling out more than 1,400 first-of-their-kind automated safety partitions between passengers and the driver to be installed on Metro buses, including Sound Transit Express buses operated by Metro. Metro will also equip over 100 buses with on-board dispensers to provide masks on the busiest routes. Read more about it [here](#).

What Metro is doing



Daily disinfecting



Requiring masks



Safety partitions



Ready when you are.

A healthier Metro is here.

kingcounty.gov/HealthierMetro

What riders should do



Wear a mask



Maintain physical distance



Pay with ORCA card

King County
METRO
Moving forward together

King County Aquatic Center: Skylight Replacement Project

On August 12th, I had the opportunity to visit the King County Aquatic Center to check on the status of their ongoing skylight replacement project. Construction for the \$1.9 million project started on July 14th. The Aquatic Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and the skylights being replaced have been there since day one. Thanks to Mike Dunwiddie and his team for all the work they do to maintain this world-class facility.



“Good Eggs” Community Forum with King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht

On August 19th, South King County leaders and community members had the opportunity to participate in a virtual community forum with King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht. Sheriff Johanknecht has spent her entire career in law enforcement, from being a deputy in Southeast King County to being elected King County Sheriff. For those who would like to hear her unique experience of building a pandemic response plan earlier in her career to actually dealing with a pandemic, and her priorities and perspective on criminal justice reform during these changing times, you may [watch the recorded version of the forum on my Facebook page](#).



With King County Sheriff Mitzi Johanknecht



With South King County community leaders.

Auburn School District Awarded \$40,000 Grant

On August 26th, I met with Auburn School District Superintendent Dr. Alan Spicciati at the Auburn Memorial Stadium to talk about a \$40,000 grant to their district to help young athletes get the equipment they need to play school sports. According to a recent study from the University of Wisconsin, more than two-thirds of high school athletes reported anxiety and depression since the beginning of the pandemic. Sports bring people together and build community, and I look forward to seeing our amateur athletes back on the field soon.



With Auburn School District Superintendent Dr. Alan Spicciati.

Raiders Baseball Program Awarded \$11,000 Grant

I met with Thomas Jefferson High School's Baseball Coach Joseph Townsend to discuss an \$11,000 King County "Get Active, Stay Active" grant that was recently awarded to the Raiders baseball program. While construction is ongoing at the school, the grant will help the Raiders play games and meet their equipment needs. Go Raiders!



With Thomas Jefferson HS Baseball and Bowling Coach Joseph Townsend.

Recognizing Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best

On September 1st at the King County Council meeting, I had the opportunity to recognize Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best for her 28-year career. Chief Best was instrumental in working with King County and my committee (Government Accountability and Oversight) to enhance the police presence around the King County Courthouse to protect staff, visitors and jurors.



If we want to ensure that our law enforcement agencies reflect our communities, we need more people like Carmen Best involved in law enforcement, especially as leaders. Chief Best started her career in law enforcement 28 years ago, working her way up through the ranks and ascending to the highest level of achievement through her enduring commitment to service, equality and justice. Carmen was a trailblazer, and her leadership will be missed by many in our region.

Federal Way National Little League Grant

Congratulations to the Federal Way National Little League on being awarded a \$10,000 King County "Get Active, Stay Active" grant. The funds will go towards facility repairs and improvements as they continue their work to make the Federal Way National Little League Complex a top tier facility for youth baseball and softball players across King County.



With Scot Henderson, Gary Haven and Tara Brown of the Federal Way National Little League Board

Steel Lake Little League Awarded King County “Get Active, Stay Active” Grant

Congratulations to the Steel Lake Little League on being awarded an \$11,000 grant to address equipment needs and finance facility improvements at the South County Ballfields. I remember when the South County Ballfields were dedicated more than 20 years ago, and am glad that King County is continuing to partner with community organizations who are able to use the fields year after year.



With Josh Zellmer of Steel Lake Little League

Thomas Jefferson High School Construction Update

On September 11th, I had the opportunity to tour the ongoing construction work at the new Thomas Jefferson High School. The team is working hard to ensure the project stays on track despite the numerous challenges 2020 has had to offer. Thank you to Dr. Tammy Campbell for her leadership and the opportunity to check on the status of the future home of the Raiders.



With Mark Bargenda, Senior Construction Project Manager, CBRE and Michael Swartz, Executive Director of Capital Projects, Federal Way Public Schools.

Federal Way Kiwanis Club Glasses Donation

On September 16th, I donated over 1,500 prescription glasses, sunglasses, and cases to the Federal Way Kiwanis Club. For more than twenty years, I have been partnering with King County Metro to donate glasses lost on Metro buses to community organizations in South King County, as the cost of glasses can often be a barrier to many of our neighbors. Thanks to Metro and the Kiwanis Club for all the work they are doing for our community during this challenging period.



Photo with Andrew Urban, Susan Honda, Linda Persha, Gordon Goodsell, Mike Brugato and Karen Brugato of the Federal Way Kiwanis Club

Mask Donation to the Ukrainian Community Center

One of the big changes to South King County has been the growing Ukrainian population, as well as emigrants from former republics of the USSR. I want to thank Honorary Consul Valeriy Goloborodko for introducing me to Executive Director Oleg Pynda of the Ukrainian Community Center. On September 18th, I dropped off additional masks to Oleg and discussed counseling and recovery programs with him.



With Ukrainian Community Center Executive Director Oleg Pynda

“Good Eggs” Community Forum with Washington Federal Bank President and CEO

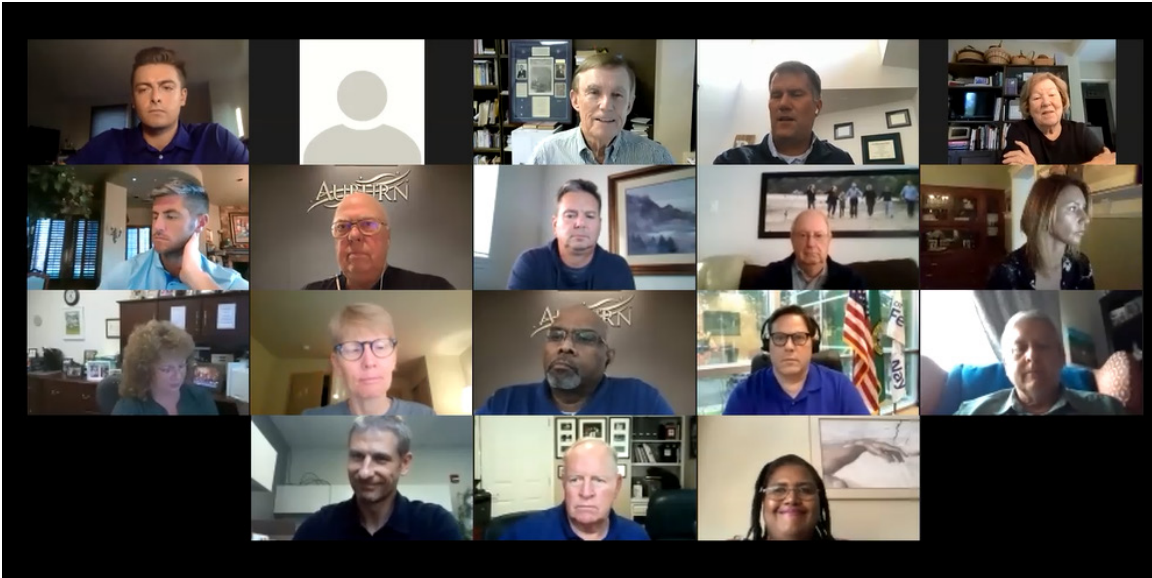
On September 30th, South King County leaders and community members had the opportunity to participate in a virtual community forum with Washington Federal Bank (WaFd) President and CEO Brent Beardall. Brent shared his perspective on the state of the economy and what our region’s recovery will look like as well as his opinions on the future of the banking industry. His presentation highlighted various reasons for optimism, particularly the entrepreneurial spirit of the Pacific Northwest.



Despite the spike in unemployment rate and the uncertainty of when jobs will come back, Brent noted that our region has a history of resilience paired with talented individuals and great companies.



This chart shows the spike in savings rate from eight percent to thirty-three percent during the COVID-19 shutdowns. This could mean there is pent-up demand in the economy, which happens when there is reluctance or inability among consumers to make purchases. As the economy reopens, a surge in spending could send the savings rate back to pre-COVID levels.



With South King County community leaders and members.

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