

King County Pandemic Community Advisory Group

June 4, 2020

Updates in lieu of meeting:

- Standing for Justice while we keep our community safe
- [COVID-19 and Unrecognized Realities Experienced by Black People](#), by Roi-Martin Brown
- Safe Start: King County's application to the State for modified Phase 1 opening
- King County Small Business Task Force Webinars
- Testing updates
- Now hiring - Contact Tracers!
- Face coverings and personal protective equipment
- New grant opportunity: supplemental COVID-19 Community Response Fund, King County Office of Equity and Social Justice
- New data on the Social, Economic and Overall Health Impact Dashboard: Traffic

Standing for Justice as we keep our community safe

We recognize that many of you and your networks are facing difficult choices, seeking to stand up against injustices while also wanting to keep our community safe from further spread of COVID-19.

See [Standing for Justice as we keep our community safe from COVID-19](#) and [Answering questions about protests and COVID-19](#) with information on ways to keep our community safe.



COVID-19 and Unrecognized Realities Experienced by Black People

On June 3, Public Health Insider published [COVID-19 and Unrecognized Realities Experienced by Black People](#), by Roi-Martin Brown.

We encourage you to take the time to read, watch, and share this.

COVID-19 AND UNRECOGNIZED REALITIES EXPERIENCED BY BLACK PEOPLE

June 3, 2020. Reading time 10 minutes.



Face coverings help protect our community from COVID-19. Unfortunately many members of the Black community are concerned that wearing face coverings may lead to dangerous and harmful encounters with law enforcement or other community members. Racism influences perceptions of face coverings and those wearing or not wearing them.

Safe Start: King County's Modified Phase 1 Re-opening Application

- King County submitted its application to the WA State Department of Health on June 3, 2020. See the Executive's [news release](#).
- The [county's application](#) includes recommendations from King County local health officer Dr. Jeff Duchin that would:
 - allow all outdoor recreation permitted in Phase 2 in Gov. Inslee's [Safe Start plan](#)
 - expand opening indoor fitness studios for one-on-one activities
 - allow restaurants to begin opening indoor seating at 25% of normal capacity
 - allow hair stylists and other personal services at 25% capacity
- See the Public Health Insider blog for more details and a [complete list](#) of what would be allowed.
- Activities may not begin until the State has approved the application and businesses are able to meet the [state's public health guidance](#)
- The state is expected to decide within the next several days whether it will accept the modified plan.

King County Small Business Task Force Webinars

- **Upcoming webinar:**

- Protecting the health and safety of workers during the COVID-19 pandemic**

- Date: Friday, June 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

- King County Public Health is partnering with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. Labor and Industries will discuss safety protocols that need to be put in place in worksites. The CDC has been working with businesses that have had positive cases, and will provide case studies and share information about considerations for testing the workforce, contact tracing in the workplace, and criteria for ending isolation and quarantine of positive and exposed workers. [Register for this webinar](#)

- Access a recording of an earlier webinar: “[Restaurant reopening – what King County restaurant owners need to know](#) (5/20/2020).” Spanish version coming soon.

- For more information about the Small Business Task Force, visit the [website](#), email business.outreach@kingcounty.gov, or call Hugo Garcia, Economic Development Program Manager, 206-263-2821

Testing Updates

- Anyone who has symptoms should get tested right away. www.kingcounty.gov/covid/testing
- Free testing is available in King County regardless of immigration status. [Find a testing site near you.](#)
- A [health advisory](#) was sent out to healthcare providers by Dr. Jeff Duchin on 5/31, reminding them that contacts of known COVID-19 cases should be tested even when asymptomatic.
- **Are people with symptoms or people who had close contact with a known case still being turned away from testing?** If so, we'd like to know and help. People experiencing barriers to testing can call the COVID-19 Call Center between 8 AM to 7 PM at **206-477-3977**. Ask for an interpreter by saying the language you need.
- **Emergency COVID Medical Coverage for Undocumented Residents.** These flyers provide resources for people who are undocumented who may need medical care related to COVID. Available in: [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#)

We're hiring for COVID Contact Tracing!

Disease Research and Investigation Specialists - COVID Contact Tracing

Public Health – Seattle & King County is seeking **Disease Research and Intervention Specialists (DRIS)** to support contact tracing for the COVID-19 outbreak response. The work of the Contact Tracer involves conducting in-depth interviews with confirmed cases and follows up with their contacts, to notify them about test/exposure status, reinforce isolation and quarantine (I/Q) guidelines, facilitate adherence to I/Q by supporting individual's needs.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/2788640/disease-research-and-investigation-specialist-covid-contact-tracing>

Public Health is also hiring an administrative specialist position

The Administrative Specialist III position is a full-time Special Duty (SD) / Term Limited Temporary (TLT) position that will perform administrative duties for the COVID-19 Contact Tracing work of Public Health-Seattle & King County. This position will assist the Program Manager in supporting multiple staff within the Prevention Division with administrative support functions. Much of this work will be done remotely, but some will need to be done on the work site.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kingcounty/jobs/2789537/administrative-specialist-iii-contact-tracing>

Public Health – Seattle and King County values diverse perspectives and life experiences. The Department encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, and veterans.

Face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment

Face coverings

- If your community-based organization needs cloth face coverings, face shields, or hand sanitizer (when available), register on the Donations Connector (www.kingcounty.gov/emergency/donate) by clicking “organizations: offer your help, or make a request,” register, and then create a post to request the needed items. Available items are offered free of charge.
- [Seattle Protects](#): A marketplace for cloth face coverings
- United Way of King County’s [Donations Portal](#)

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

- The Washington State Department of Health maintains [guidelines for prioritization of personal protective equipment](#) across Washington State. **Organizations whose lines of business are included the state guidance** are eligible to order personal protective equipment from King County Office of Emergency Management when it cannot be obtained from other sources, and if the organization ordering the supplies is making efforts to limit the quantities of PPE it uses.
 - Information on the ordering process can be found on the [King County OEM website](#), under the heading “for government agencies and medical and care providers.” For assistance with ordering PPE, contact the King County Office of Emergency Management via [email](#) or by calling (206) 296-3830.

New guidance: [Interim COVID-19 PPE and face covering guidance for behavioral health providers and clients](#)

New Grant Opportunity – King County Office of Equity and Social Justice COVID-19 Community Response Fund

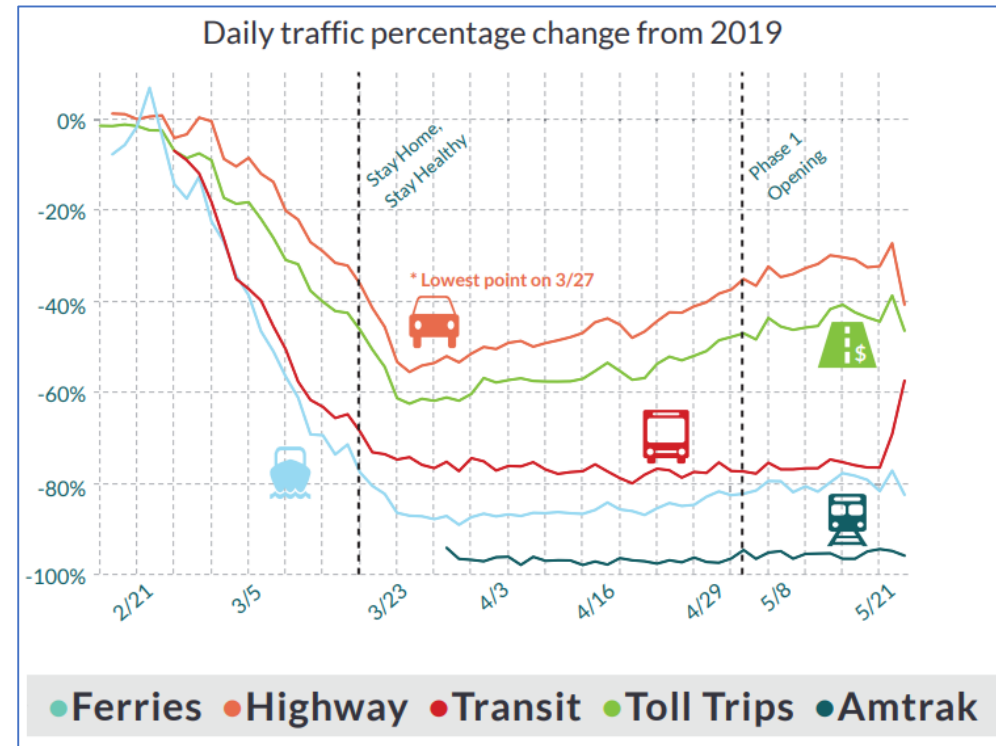
- Sharing a new Funding Opportunity: <https://kingcounty.gov/equity>
- Applications close at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.**
- On May 5, the King County Council approved a **second** emergency supplemental budget proposed by Executive Dow Constantine to provide additional resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Included in the legislation is \$1 million for the Office of Equity and Social Justice (OESJ) to expand funding for the COVID-19 Community Response Fund.
- First launched in March 2020 in response to immediate effects of the local outbreak, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund invested \$800K in grant awards to community-based organizations providing health literacy and awareness, language access, anti-bias and stigma response, and outreach in communities located near isolation, quarantine, and recovery facilities.
- As the pandemic has progressed, we understand more about its effects and the disproportionate impact it inflicts on communities of color. OESJ will continue to prioritize funding to partners working with communities at the highest risk of immediate and long-term negative health, social and economic impacts.
- Grants of up to \$25,000 will be awarded to organizations based on the priorities defined in the [Overview & Criteria for Community Responses Fund](#) document.
- Click here to download the [Community Response Fund Application Form](#).. Available in: [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#)

New Transportation Brief and Infographic posted on the Economic, Social, and Other Health Data Dashboard

www.kingcounty.gov/covid/impacts/traffic

Key Points:

- 1) Immediately after the March 23, 2020 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, highway traffic volumes across King County fell to its lowest point on March 27th: a 56% decline in usual weekday and a 67% decline in usual weekend volume. The decline ranged from 37%- 78% below baseline across highway routes.
- 2) Traffic volumes remain lower than usual but gradually rose through April and May. Weekday total highway traffic volume increased 60% between March 27th and May 22nd. Weekend traffic increased 77% during that period. State Route-167 has almost returned to baseline levels. Weekday traffic on ferry routes, public transportation and some roads remain low.
- 3) Bicyclist traffic in downtown Seattle follows the other transportation patterns above. In contrast, pedestrian and bicyclist counts on neighborhood trails are steady or higher than baseline.
- 4) Motor vehicle crashes of all kinds have fallen by 62% in April 2020 as compared with April of 2019. However, the number of fatal crashes remains similar to 2019 levels.



From: Changes in Traffic Patterns & Community Mitigation Efforts in King County, WA: February-May 2020. June 3, 2020. Lin Song, Scott Neal, Fel Pajimula, Kris Johnson, Amy Laurent, Eva Wong. Public Health Seattle & King County; Assessment Policy Development and Evaluation Unit. This work is funded by Public Health — Seattle & King County, the Washington State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Cooperative Agreement (CK19-1904).

COVID-19 Call Centers



- King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center,
206-477-3977 8 AM – 7 PM daily
- King County COVID-19 Business and Community Information Line
For non-medical questions, including compliance and business-related
206-296-1608 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday-Friday
- Washington State Novel Coronavirus Call Center,
800-525-0127 and press #. 6 AM – 10 PM daily

The operators are able to connect with a third-party interpreter. Ask for an interpreter by saying the language you need.

Important Resources to Stay Informed on COVID-19

- Subscribe to Public Health's website: www.kingcounty.gov/covid
- Subscribe to the Public Health blog: www.publichealthinsider.com
- Anti-stigma resources: www.kingcounty.gov/ncov/anti-stigma
- Information on face coverings: www.kingcounty.gov/masks
- Information about COVID-19 testing: www.kingcounty.gov/testing
- Follow us on social media @KCPubHealth [Facebook](#), [Insta](#), and [Twitter](#)
- Healthier Here COVID-19 Resource Hub: www.healthierhere.org/covid
- WA State Dept of Health: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus
- WA State: <https://www.coronavirus.wa.gov/>

More ways to stay connected

Community Partners Call

- Every Monday 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
- Email phpartnerships@kingcounty.gov to receive Zoom call-in information
- Hosted by the Community Mitigation Branch's Community and Faith-based Task Force

COVID-19 Homelessness Response

- Email covidhomelessnessresponse@kingcounty.gov to be added to list serve and get information on calls, webinars, and resources.
- Visit www.kingcounty.gov/hch for up to date information

City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods COVID-19 Community Webinars

- Visit: <https://frontporch.seattle.gov/2020/03/24/get-connected-to-our-weekly-covid-19-community-webinars/>

More ways to stay connected

Weekly Covid-19 webinar for Spanish-speaking community

- A conversation between community members and Public Health-Seattle & King County.
Facilitated by Giselle Zapata-Garcia and Penny Lara.
- Every Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30 PM (until Sept. 1)
- For more info follow <https://www.facebook.com/CondadodeKing>

Looking for a speaker about COVID-19?

- **Contact Debra Baker** – Speakers Bureau Task Force Lead:
Debra.Baker@kingcounty.gov
- Where possible please give us 48 hours notice of webinar presentations

