

King County Pandemic Community Advisory Group

March 12, 2020 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Follow-ups from last week
3. Current situation and guidance
4. COVID-19 Response Fund: Seattle Foundation

Stay informed! Check and subscribe to Public Health's website www.kingcounty.gov/COVID

Role of Advisory Group (Near-Term)

- Help share accurate information and messages about recommended steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 – within your own organization, to other institutions and organizations in your sector, and with the public.
- Inform us and each other on opportunities, successes, and barriers to implementing recommended measures.
- Join us in helping prevent, interrupt, and respond to misinformation and stigma.
- **Added role: advise Seattle Foundation on COVID-19 Response Fund**



Follow up from March 5 meeting

- We hear many organizations are facing shortages of hand sanitizer & cleaning supplies (supply chain issues) → aware this is a common challenge; exploring options
- Need for guidance that is tailored for various sectors → sector-based task forces are active, working to get info out, share approved guidance, and identify gaps
- Resources needed for outreach & addressing range of impacts (equity impacts, economic impacts, etc.) → emerging philanthropic community & government response

Follow up from March 5 meeting

- Translation of fact sheets and recommendations → additional languages now at www.kingcounty.gov/covid



For the languages we don't have currently, please direct community members to the helplines - free interpretation services are available:

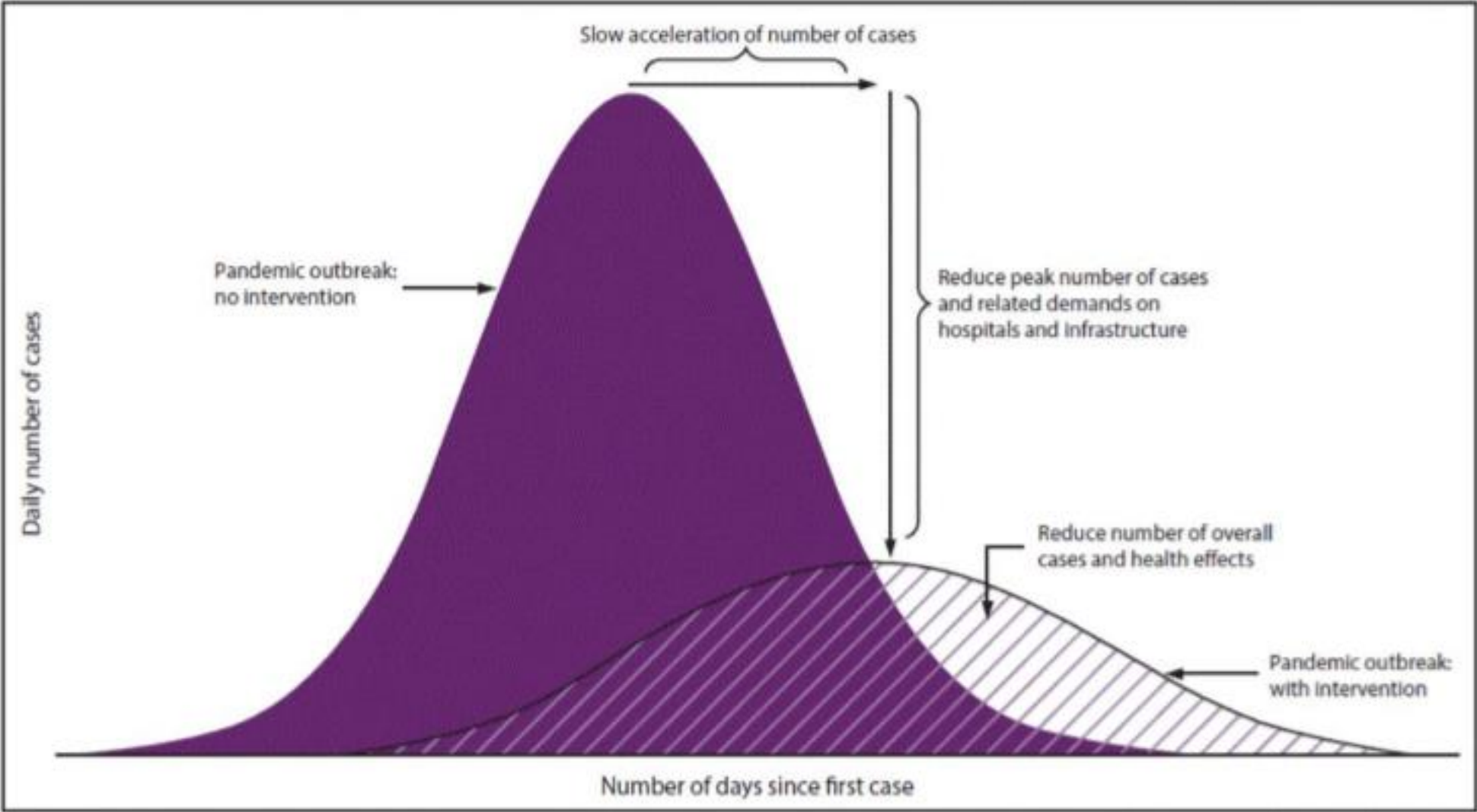
- King County Novel Coronavirus Call Center, 206-477-3977. 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily
- Washington State Novel Coronavirus Call Center, 1-800-525-0127 and press #. 6 a.m – 10 p.m. daily

The operators are able to connect with a third-party interpreter. The caller will need to be able to tell them in English what language you need for interpretation. You may experience long wait times.

Current situation (3-11-2020)

- Access to more testing is showing us that COVID-19 is spreading more rapidly in King County.
- Public Health guidance, recommendations, and directives to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the community.
 - Those at higher risk of severe illness should stay home and avoid large groups of people as much as possible
 - Employers should take steps to offer flexible sick leave and telecommute options
 - Healthy habits: stay home when sick, hand hygiene, avoid touching face
 - Events with more than 250 attendees are prohibited; events with fewer than 250 attendees are prohibited unless event organizers take steps to minimize risk
 - New guidance for schools

Slowing the spread of coronavirus



Introduction of the COVID-19 Response Fund (CRF)

Through phase one of the COVID-19 Response Fund (CRF), we will provide general operating grants to community-based organizations with deep relationships and experience in disproportionately affected communities that work to address:

- The economic impact of reduced and lost work due to broader Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak
- Immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations caused by COVID-19 related closures
- Increased demand for medical & behavioral health information and support
- Fear and confusion among most vulnerable residents about the outbreak

The Role of the PCAG in COVID-19 Response Fund

Pandemic Community Advisory Group

- Advise on fund priorities and criteria, elevate potential grant recipients, advise on grant recommendation alignment to priorities and criteria (potentially a subgroup), elevate priorities for future funding rounds

Lead Fund Partners (Seattle Foundation, United Way, King County)

- Fund administration, priority/criteria/grant recommendation development, stakeholder engagement

Key Fund Sponsors (many)

- Share feedback on fund purpose and criteria, elevate potential grant recipients

Timeline and Process for Releasing Funds

We have set a broad goal of moving the first phase of dollars by the end of March. Things are rapidly evolving, but we hope to move money sooner than that if possible. The timeline is as follows:

- Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday 11th – drafting criteria and funder/partner feedback on criteria
- **Thursday the 12th – our first meeting with the Pandemic Community Advisory Group (PCAG), introduce fund, begin to review criteria**
- **Monday the 16th – deadline for PCAG feedback on criteria**
- Tuesday the 17th – incorporate criteria feedback, share final criteria with funders and PCAG, **being to solicit potential grant recipients from those partners**, and draft initial funding docket
- **Thursday the 19th to Wednesday the 23rd (depending on how fast we can work) – bring grant docket to PCAG to review**
- Immediately following – contact organization and cut initial checks

Criteria and PCAG Feedback

CRITERIA

Approach: Phase one of the COVID-19 Response Fund will deploy resources to address the urgent health, basic human services and economic needs of disproportionately impacted communities and individuals.

Target Population: Impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak are likely to overwhelmingly affect communities already facing health and economic disparities, which will perpetuate the inequities that persist in our community.

Community Trust and Relationship: We will provide grants to organizations with deep relationships and experience in disproportionately affected communities.

Experience and Readiness: To combat the urgent needs of this crisis, we seek to support organizations able to deploy resources quickly to meet community need.

Criteria Questions for PCAG

1. Are these the right priority areas given the needs you are hearing about on the ground? If not, what is wrong and what are we missing?
2. Are these the right criteria to ensure we are supporting individuals and communities that are disproportionately impacted? If not, what is wrong and what are we missing?
3. How should we distribute funds across these priorities? Are they all of equal importance or should we elevate some over others?
4. With more than \$6M in the fund currently and more expected, how much should we prioritize for the first round?

Important Resources to Stay Informed on COVID-19

- Subscribe to Public Health's website www.kingcounty.gov/COVID
- Subscribe to the blog www.publichealthinsider.com
- Anti-stigma resources: www.kingcounty.gov/ncov/anti-stigma
- Follow us on social media @KCPubHealth
- Join a community partners phone call: Mondays, 4:00 – 4:45
 - 206-263-8114 Code: 560794
- WA State Dept of Health COVID-19 website: www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

Thank You

Meetings of this group every Thursday at 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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