

# King County Pandemic Community Advisory Group

May 28, 2020

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Controlling the spread of COVID-19 in King County: What barriers are you seeing?  
What help is needed?

*A conversation with Dr. Jeff Duchin, Health Officer, Public Health-Seattle & King County,  
and Dr. Meagan Kay, Medical Epidemiologist, Public Health-Seattle & King County*

Stay informed! Subscribe to [www.kingcounty.gov/covid](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid)

# Where do we stand today in King County?

- COVID-19 is spreading slower than before, thanks to our collective efforts
- But it continues to spread every day
  - ✓ Within households
  - ✓ Essential workers / workplaces
  - ✓ Long-term care and healthcare settings
  - ✓ Community transmission (??)
  - ✓ Other congregate settings
- Systemic inequities are playing out in COVID-19 disease
  - Black/African-American, Latinx, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities



# What will it take to safely reopen and move to Phase 2 in King County?

King County is currently in Phase 1



**WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH**  
Modifying Physical Distancing Measures as we Reopen the State

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES

	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
<b>High-Risk Populations*</b>	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
<b>Recreation</b>	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people) Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.) Professional sports without audience participation (horseshoe, baseball, etc.)	Resume all recreational activity
<b>Gatherings (social, spiritual)</b>	- None - Drive-in spiritual service with one household per vehicle	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
<b>Travel</b>	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 & 2 permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
<b>Businesses/ Employers</b>	- Essential businesses open - Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria - Landscaping - Auto/RV/boat/OREV sales - Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only) - Car washes - Pet walkers	- Remaining manufacturing - Additional construction phases - In-home domestic services (cleaning, housecleaning, etc.) - Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions) - Real estate - Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Hair and nail salons/barbers - Pet grooming - Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating)	- Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10 - Bar areas in restaurant/taverns at <25% capacity - Movie theaters at <50% capacity - Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged) - Libraries - Museums - All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people	- Nightclubs - Concert venues - Large sporting events - Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

## Key indicators to inform decisions

- **COVID-19 disease activity**
  - Hospitalizations, deaths, ease of spread ( $R_e$ )
- **Testing capacity:**
  - Are we testing enough people to detect most cases?
  - Are we testing *quickly* enough?
- **Health care system readiness**
  - Available beds
  - Percent of beds filled with COVID-19 cases

New dashboard of Key Indicators at [www.kingcounty.gov/covid](http://www.kingcounty.gov/covid)

# How do we gradually increase activity while preventing a resurgence?

It's a **balancing act** – and additional efforts are needed to help us maintain that balance as we re-open:

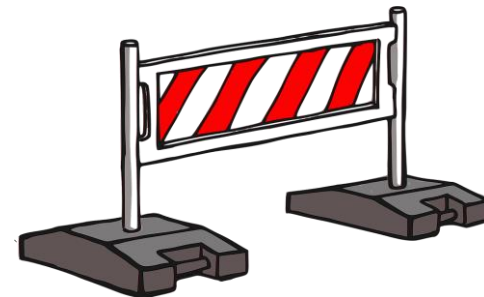
- Availability of **testing** – *and use of it at the first sign of symptoms*
- Safe and rapid **isolation** of people who are infected
- Rapid identification and **quarantine** of household members and other close contacts of COVID-19 cases (workplace)
- Clear **guidance on safety measures** for businesses, workplaces, and organized activities - *that is easy to understand and follow*



**PLUS** – continued physical distancing, avoiding crowded places, regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, and use of face coverings in public.

# What barriers are you seeing to controlling the spread of COVID-19 in your community? What would help remove them?

- What's getting in the way of testing for people with symptoms?
- What barriers are you seeing related to support for isolation and quarantine?
- What barriers are businesses, workplaces, and workers experiencing – or will they experience – as they work to follow the safety measures and guidance?
- Other barriers?



# Thank You and Closing Notes

- **Survey link – share more about the barriers you see, and ideas for addressing them:**  
<https://survey.us.confirmit.com/wix/p988595900000.aspx>
- **Additional thoughts or questions after the meeting?** Please contact Janna or Matias.
- ***Thank you* for all your continued efforts to fight COVID-19 and support our community.**

-----

## Advisory Group Contacts:

Janna Wilson [janna.wilson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:janna.wilson@kingcounty.gov) (206) 263-8281

Matias Valenzuela [matias.valenzuela@kingcounty.gov](mailto:matias.valenzuela@kingcounty.gov) (206) 263-8697