

## Sector Email 6.11.2021

Subject header: Updates on COVID-19 from Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC)

### Schools

Dear school sector partners,

Although the school year is ending and our office hours are on hold for the summer, the Schools and Child Care Task Force will continue to provide you with bi-weekly updates, and our inbox is open for questions!

**Reminder: please review the [King County Schools COVID-19 Response Toolkit](#), [related resources](#), and [training videos](#).**

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### **1. K-12 Guidance for Summer and Fall, 2021-2022**

DOH has released guidance for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year. This guidance is pared down from guidelines for this past school year. The document clarifies that schools should plan to provide full time in person education for all interested students. Required mitigation measures include face coverings for all staff and students, cleaning and disinfection, and ventilation, in addition to requiring schools to plan for how COVID-19 cases will be managed and reported. The guidance does reduce some requirements, including the need for daily symptom attestation. To review the full 2021-2022 guidance, please [visit this link](#).

## **2. Guidance for Child Care, Youth Development and Day Camps During COVID-19**

Most recently updated in April, this document contains guidance recommendations for a large number of children and youth programs, including day camps and youth enrichment being held at K12 campuses. The full document contains information on masking, meals, infant and toddler care, and ensuring proper breaks for staff. You can reference the [full guidance document here](#).

## **3. Vaccination Updates**

### **a. Supporting Vaccination in Your Community**

People who are fully vaccinated are at a low risk of symptomatic or severe COVID-19 infection, and a growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or transmit COVID-19 to others. The Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for young people aged 12-15 –and **vaccine supply remains plentiful**. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for individuals over 18.

Public Health knows that parents, families, and other caregivers may have questions or concerns about COVID-19 vaccines and children. We know that schools and childcare providers are trusted resources in our community. Schools can increase vaccine uptake by providing information about COVID-19 vaccination, promoting vaccination and establishing vaccine supportive policies and practices. Remind families that in addition to COVID-19 vaccination, children and adolescents should continue to get all recommended routine and catch-up vaccinations to protect themselves, peers and staff from other vaccine preventable diseases.

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### **b. King County Vaccination Data Dashboard**

Curious how vaccination efforts are going? We are excited to share that as of June 10, 77.1% of King County residents 16 years or older have received at least 1 dose, and 56.3% of all King County 12-19-year olds have received at least one dose!

King County is on track to meet our goal of vaccinating 70% of eligible county residents by the end of June. Keep an eye on the dashboard to see how these numbers grow with increased vaccination efforts for young people!

### **c. Vaccination Events**

Youth under 18 will need consent from a legal guardian to be vaccinated, unless legally emancipated. Check with the vaccine provider to ask if minors can attend their vaccine appointment unaccompanied

with written or verbal permission from a legal guardian. Check out [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Teens - King County](#) for the latest information about youth and vaccines, including minor consent processes.

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[Register here](#) for appointments, and walk-in vaccination is also available! Car side vaccination is now available at the Auburn high-volume vaccination site on Mondays. Please share this flyer - [Get your COVID-19 vaccine today. No appointment needed! \(kingcounty.gov\)](#)

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On May 13, the CDC issued [updated guidance](#) on masks for fully vaccinated individuals, and Governor Inslee [modified Washington’s mask mandate](#) to align more closely with some of this guidance, along with setting a goal of fully reopening the state by June 30, 2021. The Governor’s announcement, allowing for fully vaccinated people to participate in many activities without face coverings, *does not include school or child care settings*. Where guidance documents may conflict, local guidance (State level) should be utilized.

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*b. UPDATED* – King County Schools COVID-19 Response Toolkit

- Public Health has updated a number of the resources in our COVID-19 Response Toolkit to reflect recent guidance about fully vaccinated individuals and quarantine. The Checklist for Managing Students/Staff With Symptoms of COVID-19, letter templates and When Can I Return to School? Fact sheet all reflect these recent updates. You can access the full toolkit on the [K-12 toolkit website](#). **Key Indicators of COVID-19 Activity**

In its [K-12 Schools 2020-2021 Guidance](#), DOH recommends that in areas with high community transmission, middle and high school students use cohorting (grouping students) and at least three feet of distance between students or at least six feet of physical distance between students if cohorting is not possible. The following chart includes King County data aligned with these indicators of community transmission. The following data are current as of **June 10, 2021** and are regularly updated on the [PHSKC COVID-19 data dashboard webpage](#).

Indicator	Current Status	High Community Transmission Rate <sup>1</sup> (Y/N)
Cases/100K/14 days <sup>2</sup>	71.8/100K	N
Test Positivity Rate <sup>3</sup>	2.6%	N

## 6. WEBINAR: Updates on COVID-19 and Back to School Guidance

Puget Sound Educational Service District is hosting a webinar discussing the most current guidance on K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year. Join Nancy Bernard, Program Manager, Washington State Department of Health and Elizabeth Jakob, Industrial Hygienist, Puget Sound Workers' Compensation Trust as they expand on key points and offer a Q&A session.

Tuesday June 22, 2021

10:00-11:00am, PDT

[Register Now!](#)

**Task Force Office Hours have ended for the 2020-2021 school year. The School Response [e-mail](#) will continue to be available throughout the summer to answer questions.**

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A number of resource and support documents on the Guidance for Childcare Administrators page, including checklists, flowcharts and return to work guidance, has been updated to align with most recent recommendations and reflect changes for fully vaccinated individuals. All documents can be accessed online [here](#).

## 3. Special Enrollment for Washington Health Care

The pandemic continues to rage on, harming not only our physical health but also jobs. Many people are finding themselves in sudden need of health insurance. There is now a [Special Enrollment Period for](#) free or low-cost insurance through Washington’s Affordable Care Act health exchange – *Washington Healthplanfinder*. **The enrollment period has been extended to August 15, 2021.** The enrollment period is open to anyone who is currently uninsured. Public Health – Seattle & King County has a team of [Health Insurance Navigators](#) available to help answer questions and walk through the process of applying and selecting the right insurance plan. You can also browse plans and sign up directly through [Washington Healthplanfinder](#).

## 4. Resources from the Children’s Environmental Health Network

Children’s Environmental Health Network (CEHN) website includes a wide variety of environmental health resources for child care providers, including webinar slides, hand-outs, and resource lists. These resources address needs from ventilation to mental health concerns to equity. The full resource page can be found at [this link](#).

## **5. Household and Food Assistance for Quarantine and Isolation**

If you or members of your community need financial support to successfully isolate or quarantine, King County has two different programs available to support household bills and emergency food access. There is no income or citizenship requirement. For more information about the household assistance program, please [visit this website](#). Emergency Food assistance information can be [found here](#).

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