

# Learning collaborative #6

August 24th, 2020

#### Welcome

- This is the 6<sup>th</sup> monthly Learning Collaborative, a place for all who have attended our trainings to participate and engage with their peers and the PHSKC CHW training team. Currently, our LC's have focused on COVID19 resources.
- If you would like Spanish translation please enter your name/phone # in that chat box

# **SKYPE Line- Spanish**

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# Welcome!

#### <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Introductions
  - PHSKC Team
  - King County CHWs & Supervisors
  - Southwest WA CHWs & Supervisors
- 2. COVID19 updates from the Governor's Office
- 3. Testing resources and information on Isolation and Quarantine
- 4. Housing resources

### **Governor's Update**

Inslee announces relief funds to help immigrants and agricultural workers

Press Release: <u>https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-announces-relief-funds-help-immigrants-and-agricultural-workers</u>

The Immigrant Relief Fund will provide \$40 million to assist Washington residents who are unable to access federal stimulus programs due to their immigration status, and the Food Production Paid Leave Program will provide \$3 million of financial resources to certain food production workers who remain home when ill.

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has issued a request for proposals to select a nonprofit that will administer the Immigrant Relief Fund. The institution will then partner with community organizations to manage applications and awards of \$1,000 per eligible individual. Initial awards are expected to be made later in the fall. The DSHS Procurement Website at <a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/procurements-and-contracting">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ffa/procurements-and-contracting or at <a href="https://pr-webs-vendor.des.wa.gov/Search\_BidDetails.aspx?ID=44256">https://pr-webs-vendor.des.wa.gov/Search\_BidDetails.aspx?ID=44256</a>.

## **Governor's Update**

Inslee issues proclamation for Washington COVID-19 Food Production Paid Leave Program

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a <u>proclamation</u> that sets forth the parameters for the Washington COVID-19 Food Production Paid Leave Program. The proclamation follows the governor's announcement on Monday, and will go into effect on August 18, 2020.

The program provides a \$3 million fund to support workers in the food production industry who are unable to obtain leave through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. These workers are often ineligible for other forms of paid leave, even when exposed to COVID-19.

#### More information here:

https://www.governor.wa.gov/news-media/inslee-issuesproclamation-washington-covid-19-food-production-paidleave-program

### Isolation & Quarantine Video

Overview and Introduction on the I&Q sites: https://dchsblog.com/2020/08/06/what-to-expect-staying-at-a-kingcounty-isolation-and-quarantine-center/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srkmb-CSfqE#action=share

"King County's isolation and quarantine facilities have served more than 700 people so far and stand ready to serve more residents in our community as the pandemic continues. Isolation and quarantine are important and proven public health practices to prevent the spread of disease, and these facilities are doing just that, saving lives.

Families with children. Individuals. Essential workers. People living in multigenerational households. First responders. Travelers. People experiencing homelessness. If you need a place to isolate or quarantine, we welcome you."

Call the King County COVID-19 Call Center at (206) 477-3977 to see if isolation and quarantine services are right for you. **Printable I&Q infographic** available in several languages, will include in the follow-up email.

# **COVID Testing Updates**

#### **COVID-19 testing reminder**

Anyone with the new onset of one or more <u>COVID-19 symptom(s)</u> or close contact to someone with COVID-19 should isolate and get tested. Contact your doctor to request a test. If you don't have a doctor or they cannot provide a test, Public Health - Seattle & King County has a list of open access test sites available <u>here</u> (updated and translated weekly). **Community members looking for a testing site are encouraged to call the information line** any day between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at 206-477-3977 (interpreters available).

#### Updated testing flyer

"What to do after getting a COVID-19 test" fliers will be shared in the follow-up email:

Amharic, Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), English, French, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese

### Discussion



What questions (if any) do you ask clients about Housing Resources and what referrals do you make?

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What are some top concerns and resource requests are coming up for clients at this time?

#### Resources

#### Healthier Here's Website <u>https://www.healthierhere.org/covid/</u>

#### Housing & Rental Assistance

What to Do if You Can't Pay Your Rent	Current into on what to do it you can't pay your rent during the COVID-19, including videos and sample letters to landlords	Northwest Justice Project
Rental Assistance Programs in King County pdf	List of programs that provide rental assistance with contact info	Rental Housing Assn of WA / MultiFamily Housing Assn
Guide to Coronavirus Mortgage Relief Options	FAQ on mortgage relief options, who qualifies and how to work with lenders. In English and Spanish	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
What to Do if You Can't Pay Your Mortgage	Advice on options for working with your mortgage lender if you can't make your payments	Consumer Finance Protection Bureau
Child Vaccination Guidance	Info and flyers in mutiple languages, to help families and providers ensure that children can safely receive vaccines during COVID-19	Within Reach
St. Vincent De Paul Assistance Program	Online application for assistance with basic needs, rent and utilities. Available in English and Spanish.	St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County
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## What To Do If You Can't Pay Rent

https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/coronavirus-you-cannot-be-evicted-if-you-cannot-pay-the-rent



Northwest Justice Project

Washington's Eviction Moratorium stops many, but not all evictions.

Until October 15, 2020



You cannot be evicted for not paying rent or for "no cause" And you should not get a 14 Day or 20 Day Termination Notice

> You may still be evicted if you cause an immediate and significant health and safety problem

The moratorium does not mean you do not owe rent! If you do not pay rent, you may owe a lot more later! You may be evicted after October 15<sup>th</sup> if you do not pay now!

If you cannot pay all your rent, your landlord should offer a reasonable payment plan. Get any plan with your landlord in writing. Find sample letters to give your landlord on www.WashingtonLawHelp.org.

If your landlord tries to evict you, try to get legal help right away.

If you are in King County, Call 211 or the **Housing Justice Project** at (253) 234-4204.



You can also file a complaint with Washington's Attorney General at www.atg.wa.gov or (833) 660-4877.

If you are in any other county in Washington, call NJP's CLEAR Hotline at 1-888-201-1014 weekdays between 9:15 am and 12:15 pm.

Visit www.WashingtonLawHelp.org for sample letters to send to your landlord and much more free legal information, forms and videos.



# **Rental Assistance in King County**

https://assets.noviams.com/novi-file-uploads/rhawa/blog\_resources/Rental\_Assistance\_in\_Seattle\_King\_County.pdf





#### All Seattle Kids Home | (206) 488-2692

Multi-lingual service focuses on families in imminent risk of homelessness. They can provide critical resources to help families remain in safe housing or find new housing.

#### Byrd Barr Place | (206) 812-4940 | 722 18th Ave, Seattle

Byrd Barr Place is committed to preventing homelessness in Seattle. They can help avoid eviction with temporary rental assistance or connect you to housing resources.

#### Catholic Community Services | (206) 328-5724

Offers King County residents emergency assistance. At most once per year, the non-profit provides move-in cost assistance, eviction prevention, emergency rent help and limited motel and shelter vouchers.

**Downtown Emergency Service Center** | (206) 464-1570 | **desc.org** DESC can assist with people facing eviction with rent/legal fees.

El Centro De La Raza | (206) 329-0786 | elcentrodelaraza.org

Provides assistance for various types of housing emergencies.

#### Jewish Family Services | (206) 861-8796 | 1601 16th Ave, Seattle

JFS provides services to people of all backgrounds as well as Jewish individuals and families. Financial assistance may be available for emergencies like eviction prevention, move-in costs such as first/last months' rent and security deposits, medical expenses, past due utility bills, transportation, or school

King County dedicates \$41 million to COVID-19 related rental assistance and eviction prevention

https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance.aspx

King County is accepting interest forms from <u>tenants</u>, <u>small landlords</u>, <u>large property landlords and managers</u>, <u>manufactured home park owners</u> <u>and managers</u>, and <u>local nonprofits</u> who wish to participate in a new Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program. Over \$41 million is dedicated to helping local area residents.

To ensure timely availability of rent assistance while also seeking feedback to ensure a program that is as effective, equitable, and efficient as possible, King County is <u>seeking comments about the program</u> until August 25, 2020. While King County will begin accepting online interest forms during this initial feedback period, no funds from this program will be awarded until after the open comment period closes and County staff have had an opportunity to incorporate any changes that the comments warrant.

# Thank you!