

Dear school partners,

Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving this week! We share our immense gratitude with you all for the effort and heart you invest in helping keep your staff and students healthy and safe. Please know that we here at Public Health—Seattle & King County (PHSKC) recognize and deeply appreciate the work you are doing.

This week's PHSKC Schools and Childcare Task Force sector email includes the following topics:

1. Key indicators of COVID-19 activity
2. REMINDER: Please share your COVID Coordinators' contact info with PHSKC
3. Save the date! Webinar on disinfection, ventilation, and filtration in K-12 schools
4. Support for workers during COVID-19
5. New financial assistance programs to support Washington businesses and families
6. New Highline College testing site
7. Upcoming vaccine clinics
8. What the Governor's recent announcements mean for informal learning pods

1. Key indicators of COVID-19 activity

The following chart includes King County data aligned with key indicators of COVID-19 activity outlined in the [Decision Tree for Provision of In Person Learning among K-12 Students at Public and Private Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) released by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). The following are data as of **November 24, 2020**. These data are available and regularly updated on the PHSKC [COVID-19 data dashboard webpage](#).

Current King County COVID-19 Activity Level:		HIGH
Education Modality:	Strongly recommend distance learning with the option for limited in-person learning in small groups, or cohorts, of students for the highest need students, such as students with disabilities, students living homeless, those farthest from educational justice, and younger learners.	
Extracurricular:	Strongly recommend canceling or postponing most in person extracurricular activities, including sports, performances, clubs, events, etc. with the option to allow extracurricular activities in small groups of 6 or fewer students.	

Activity Level Key:	Low	Moderate	High
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Indicator	Target/Range		Current Status
Cases/100K/14 days ¹	High	>75 cases/100K/14 days	366 cases/100K/14 days
	Moderate	25-75 cases/100K/14 days	
	Low	<25 cases/100K/14 days	
Trend in cases and hospitalizations ²	Flat or decreasing		Cases: Increasing Hospitalizations: Increasing

Test positivity ³	<5%	Unavailable ³
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¹ Total number of cases for the last 14 days per 100,000 residents.

² Total number of cases for the last 14 days per 100,000 residents **AND** Rate hospitalization per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days compared to the prior 14 days.

³ Percent of COVID-19 tests with positive results over the past 14 days—**On November 21, the WA State Department of Health paused reporting on negative laboratory results. Data on test results, people tested, and test positivity has been frozen on our dashboard through November 21.**

2. REMINDER: Please share your COVID Coordinators' contact info with PHSKC

To ensure that we are reaching staff critical to your schools' COVID response efforts, [please respond to this survey](#) to provide their names and contact information. This will be helpful in our ongoing efforts to keep you and your staff informed and updated during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also facilitate easier follow-up and collaboration when cases are reported in your buildings. Thank you for taking the time to respond!

3. Save the date! Webinar on disinfection, ventilation, and filtration in K-12 schools

- **Title:** COVID-19 Disinfection & the New Ventilation/Filtration Guidance for K-12 Schools
- **Date/Time:** Monday, December 7, 2020 / 10-11:30AM
- **Description:** Please join us for a presentation and question-and-answer session with Nancy Bernard, MPH, REHS, CPSI, manager of DOH's Indoor Air Quality and School Environmental Health and Safety Programs. Nancy will discuss safer practices for disinfection in K-12 schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and address some of the issues/health reactions being reported. She will also review the updated DOH guidance on [Ventilation and Air Quality for Reducing Transmission of COVID-19](#).
- Registration link and additional information to follow in next week's email

4. Support for workers during COVID-19

Please share with your staff. Public Health has produced [new flyers for workplaces](#). These flyers outline resources to help workers during these difficult times and laws to protect their rights in the workplace. Flyers are available in 16 languages and are available on [our website](#).

5. New financial assistance programs to support Washington businesses and families

Please share with your networks! Last week, Governor Inslee [announced new limits](#) on indoor and outdoor social gatherings, closures of certain businesses, and restrictions for visits to long term care facilities and sporting activities. Recognizing the severe impact this will have on already ailing businesses and families in our state, he announced additional economic supports to our state totaling \$135 million. Included in that total is:

- \$70 million in business support grants.
- \$30 million for the recovery loan program.
- \$20 million for rental assistance.
- \$15 million for energy bills for low-income households.

You can find out more about these programs and other economic recovery measures at the ["StartUp Washington" page](#) of the WA State Department of Commerce website.

6. New Highline College testing site

Please share with your networks! South King County has a new option for convenient, free COVID-19 testing. A new site at Highline College in Des Moines will expand efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 in a disproportionately affected region of King County. These sites are free and open to anyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status. **The new test site is located at Highline College, 2402 S. 240th St, Des Moines, in the South Parking Lot.** Testing is provided at a walk-up tent. Free parking is available, as well as access to the 156 bus line. Translated flyers are attached and will be available at www.KingCounty.gov/covid/testing.



Highline Testing Site
Flyer.zip

Some reminders:

- Early testing is important to help prevent COVID-19 from spreading to friends, family, and the community. If you have a [sign/symptom of COVID-19](#) or were exposed to someone with COVID-19, please get tested.
- **Due to high demand, we encourage everyone to register online before going to our test sites.** To register for a test, select the highlighted "Make reservation online" at KingCounty.gov/covid/testing associated with your preferred testing location.
- If you have difficulty registering, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center at 206-477-3977 (open 7 days a week, 8 AM-7 PM) If you need an interpreter, please tell us in English what language you need.

7. Upcoming vaccine clinics

Please share with your networks! For more information, visit www.kingcounty.gov/findaclinic and see flyers attached.



Drive-Thru Flu
Clinic_Federal Way Aq

Free drive-thru flu clinics for everyone age 6 months+

- Location: Federal Way Aquatic Center (aka Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center), 650 SW Campus Drive, Federal Way
- Dates/Times: Sundays, December 6 and 13, 10 AM to 3 PM
- Details: No insurance, proof of residency, or appointment is required. Offering FluMist® nasal spray for kids and adults ages 2-49. Also offering flu shots for infants, adults 50+, pregnant women, and anyone else who requires or prefers this option.



Drive-Thru Childhood
and Flu Vaccine Clinic

Drive-thru childhood immunization and adult flu clinics

- Location: Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave N, Seattle
- Dates/Times: Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

- Details: Offering all immunizations recommended for children 0-18 at no cost. Adult flu vaccine available for adults with most insurance or for an \$18 fee.
- Appointments recommended. To make an appointment, call: 296-4990

8. What the Governor's recent announcements mean for informal learning pods

Governor Inslee's [current statewide restrictions](#) on gatherings exempt schools and childcare. This includes informal learning pods. However, health, equity and safety measures remain important and relevant. Read our [recent blog post](#) for considerations for informal learning pods continuing this Fall and Winter.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving,

The PHSKC Schools and Childcare Task Force