

Dear school partners,

We hope you are staying warm on this chilly day. This week’s email includes many resources for families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for sharing these resources with your networks!

This week’s Public Health—Seattle & King County (PHSKC) Schools and Childcare Task Force sector email includes the following topics:

1. Key indicators of COVID-19 activity
2. Multilingual Federal Way COVID-19 testing site flyers
3. COVID-19 relief funds for immigrants:
 - a. Seattle COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund for Immigrants
 - b. Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund
4. Flu vaccine: Why is it so important this year?
5. Safer gathering with friends – fall holiday celebrations
6. Seattle Parks opens seven learning hubs for Seattle students

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 is data as of **October 21, 2020**. This data is 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 all in-person extracurricular activities, including sports, performances, clubs, events, etc.	

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	94 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: Flat/small increase
Test positivity ³	<5%		2.3%

¹Total number of cases for the last 14 days per 100,000 residents.

²Total 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.

³Percent of COVID-19 tests with positive results over the past 14 days

2. **Multilingual COVID-19 Federal way testing site flyers**

Last week we shared flyers about the new COVID-19 testing sites in South King County that are now available in twelve languages. We received another batch of flyers specific to the new Federal Way testing site (see attached). Please share with your networks.

3. **COVID-19 relief funds for immigrants:**

a. **Seattle COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund for Immigrants**

The purpose of the Fund is to assist low-income immigrants and their family members who were shut out of the federal CARES Act stimulus checks based on their immigration status. The Fund provides a one-time direct cash payment of \$1,000 for qualifying adults and up to \$3,000 for families with children.

Applicants must **live in or attend school in or work within the Seattle city boundaries.**

The review process is NOT first-come, first-served. To support those with the most need, the program is prioritizing applicants based on a set of vulnerability criteria. However, we encourage qualifying individuals and families to apply as soon as possible. The application period is open for three weeks, from Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9:00 p.m. to November 5, 2020, 11:59 p.m.

Individuals and families can apply here: seattlecovidfund.org. You can also find information translated into [seven languages at this page](#).

If members of your community or organization need assistance applying, 20 community partners are available to help applicants over the phone in 41 languages! [You can find their contact information here.](#)

Please help us inform undocumented community members about this resource! You can share [translated social media images with community members.](#)

b. **Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief Fund**

Visit www.immigrantreliefwa.org to learn more and submit an application today, or dial 1-844-724-3737 Monday to Friday from 9am to 9pm to receive application assistance over the phone.

Immigrants have been some of the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why immigrant organizations worked with Washington State to get funding for immigrants who can't access federal aid.

To apply for the relief fund, applicant must:

- Be a Washington resident

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have been significantly affected by the pandemic (such as losing work, being infected by the virus, or caring for a family member who was infected)
- Not be eligible to receive federal stimulus funds or unemployment insurance because of immigration status

Please visit the partner outreach material link here: immigranreliefwa.org/partner-outreach

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4. **Flu vaccine: Why is it so important this year?**

There's never been a more important time to make sure you and the people you love are protected from disease. Especially as flu season approaches, keeping up to date on vaccinations is one of the best ways you can stay safe, healthy, and far from the hospital during the COVID pandemic. [This video from PHSKC shares more information about flu vaccine and why it is so important this year.](#) To find a flu vaccine near you, visit kingcounty.gov/findaclinic.

5. **Safer gathering with friends – fall holiday celebrations**

Gathering in groups—even with people we know—may spread COVID-19. The more people we interact with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of becoming infected. Halloween and other holiday festivities will need to be different during COVID-19, but there are still opportunities for fun and celebration. With proper planning and preparation, families and friends can enjoy holiday activities in some different ways. Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating may be difficult to do while keeping adequate social distance, but there are other safer options that our Public Health professionals recommend as alternatives. Consider wrapping individual goodie bags for a grab and go option at the bottom of the driveway. Or focus on family activities like a craft party or spooky movie night. There are many other options discussed in the recent [Public Health Insider post](#). The State Department of Health also offers [Halloween tips](#) and a [checklist](#) for safe social gatherings during the age of COVID-19. The CDC also has safety recommendations for Halloween along with guidance for safe activities during Día de los Muertos and Thanksgiving on their [Holiday Celebrations web page](#). Finally, remember to discuss your options before you get together with a friend to make sure everyone is clear about expectations and behaviors. Wearing a cloth face covering indoors isn't about your personal risk tolerance, it's about keeping everyone safe. Keep your gatherings very small, and get together with other people less than once or twice a week. Read more in the blog post from DOH [here](#).

6. **Seattle Parks opens seven learning hubs for Seattle students**

Please share with students and families in Seattle: Looking for a safe, welcoming space for your young person to work on daily virtual learning? Seattle Parks and Recreation has learning hubs for middle or high school students at seven locations across the city. Free, with wifi, these spaces are equipped with community center and youth program staff who can help your student get engaged in learning.

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To help support local students during the pandemic, Seattle Parks and Recreation has opened these hubs for the 2020-21 school year. The facilities offer a stable, productive environment by providing access to Seattle Public School's virtual learning portals, along with recreational, enrichment and mentoring programs and in-person assistance with connectivity and academics. Breakfast and lunch are provided daily.

The hubs adhere to current public health standards by performing regular cleaning, sanitizing and daily wellness/temperature checks. All staff and students are required to wear masks, and social distancing and room occupancy limits are followed.

Wi-fi is available; participants must bring a laptop or tablet. Bringing a refillable water bottle is also suggested.

The hub sites are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, and run until June 18, 2021. For more information, please contact one of the sites below (interpretation services available).

To register, visit http://apm.activecommunities.com/seattle/Activity_Search/35444

Central Seattle

- Garfield Teen Life Center, 206-684-4550
- Miller Community Center, 206-684-4753

Southwest Seattle

- Southwest Teen Life Center, 206-684-7438

Southeast Seattle

- South Lake High School (call Garfield of SW Teen Life listed above)

Northeast Seattle

- Meadowbrook Teen Life Center, 206-684-7523
- Magnuson Community Center, 206-684-7026

Northwest Seattle

- Bitter Lake Community Center, 206-684-7524

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