

Clark County Phase 3 application



June 26, 2020



Statement of purpose

Clark County is seeking approval from Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman to move from Phase 2 to full implementation of Phase 3 of the Safe Start plan to reopen Washington. Clark County moved into Phase 2 on June 5. Since then, we have maintained an incidence rate below the state metric of 25 new cases per 100,000 residents, and our testing capacity and positivity rates are meeting state targets. Clark County hospitals have capacity to provide care for COVID-19 patients and hospitalizations are flat.

As Clark County worked to submit applications and implement Phase 2, we were also responding to large workplace outbreaks. The first outbreak occurred at a food processing plant, Firestone Pacific Foods; the second was at Pacific Crest Building Supply. Our response to these outbreaks demonstrated the importance of adequate staffing for case interviews and contact notifications; the need for strong partnerships with local medical providers and Washington Labor & Industries; and the value of quickly implementing universal testing of employees. We've also learned that recruiting, onboarding and training new staff to fill these crucial roles takes time. We believe it's important to provide robust training for staff filling these roles so they can confidently and effectively respond to all scenarios – individual cases, outbreaks in long-term care settings and workplace outbreaks. This comprehensive training has taken more time than anticipated, but we're confident the staff members we've added to our team are equipped with the skills necessary to respond to these various situations. As more businesses open up and people spend more time gathering, we're likely to see cases and outbreaks in a variety of settings. In Clark County, we are confident we can continue to respond effectively as we move into Phase 3.

	Metric	Target	Clark County
COVID-19 activity	Incidence of new cases reported during prior two weeks (measured by specimen collection date, and to account for the lag in reporting, the two week period starts 6 days prior to the current date)	Target: <25 cases / 100,000 / 14 days	19.45
	Trends in hospitalizations for lab-confirmed COVID-19	Target: flat or decreasing	flat
	Reproductive rate (if available)	Target: $Re < 1$	n/a
Healthcare system readiness	% licensed beds occupied by patients (i.e., hospital census relative to licensed beds)	Target: Green: < 80% (Yellow: 81-90%; Red: >90%)	Green (64.9%)



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	% licensed beds occupied by suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases	Target: Green: < 10% (Yellow: 11-20%; Red: >20%)	Green (3.4%)
Testing	Average number of tests performed per day during the past week (or average % tests positive for COVID-19 during the past week)	Target: 50 times the number of cases (or 2%)	Average 417 tests per day, 1.85% positivity (June 14-20)
	Median time from symptom onset to specimen collection among cases during the past week	Target: median <2 days	2 days (June 14-20); 3 days (June 21-25)
Case and contact investigations	Percent of cases reached by phone or in person within 24 hours of receipt of positive lab test report	Target: 90%	63%
	Percent of contacts reached by phone or in person within 48 hours of receipt of positive lab test report on a case	Target: 80%	61%
	Percent of cases being contacted daily (by phone or electronically) during their isolation period	Target: 80%	88%
	Percent of contacts being contacted daily (by phone or electronically) during their quarantine period	Target: 80%	88%
Protecting high-risk populations	Number of outbreaks reported by week (defined as 2 or more non-household cases epidemiologically linked within 14 days in a workplace, congregate living, or institutional setting)	Target: 0 for small counties (<75,000); 1 for medium counties (75,000-300,000), 2 for large counties (>300,000) , 3 for very large counties (>1 million)	0-2 per week



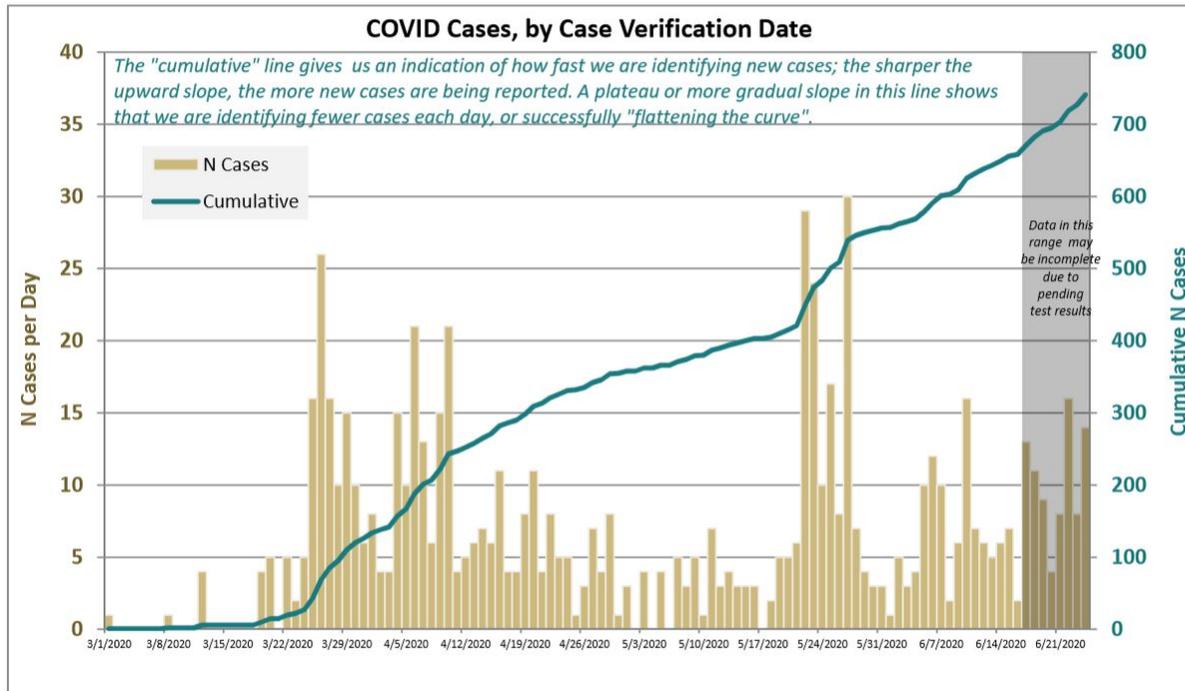
Clark County case data, epidemiology

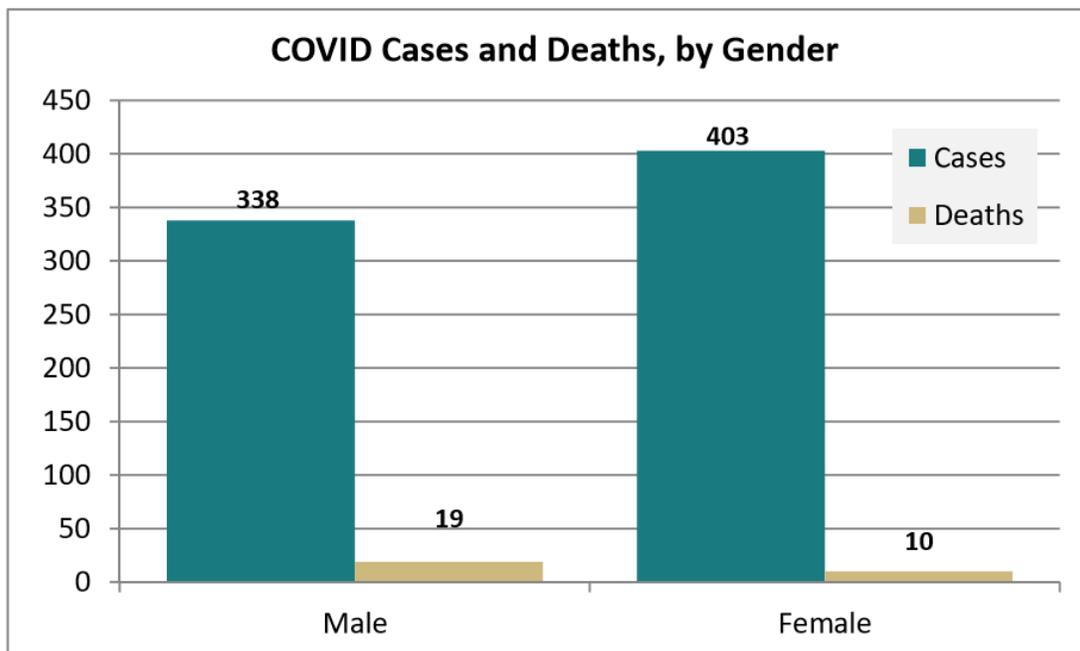
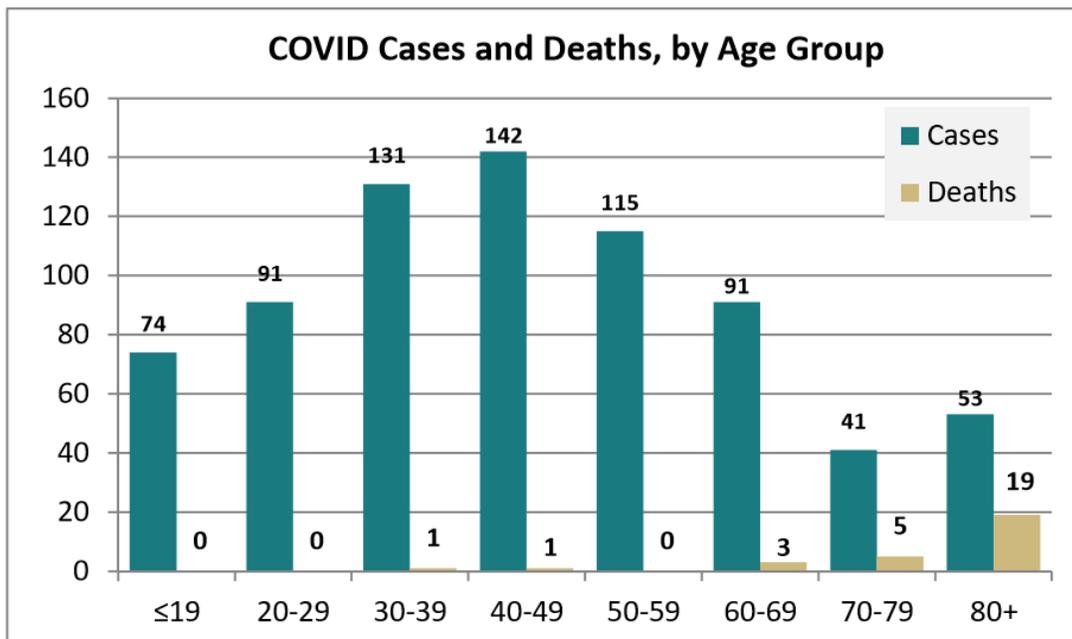
Clark County (population 488,500) has a COVID-19 incidence rate of 19.45 cases per 100,000 people during the two-week period of June 7-20 (measured by specimen collection date), meeting the state target of fewer than 25 new cases per 100,000 people. During that period, Clark County identified 95 cases of COVID-19 (using specimen collection date criteria).

Among interviewed cases since Clark County entered Phase 2 on June 5, 25.7 percent (36 cases) do not have a known epidemiologic link to other cases.

The graphs and tables below illustrate the demographic data on all Clark County COVID-19 cases, as of June 25:

Confirmed cases	741
COVID-associated deaths	29







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Race	N Cases*	%
American Indian/Alaska Native	N/A	N/A
Asian	14	1.9%
Black/African American	17	2.3%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	13	1.8%
White/Caucasian	404	54.5%
Other	82	11.1%
More than 1 Race	N/A	N/A
Unknown/Declined	207	27.9%
TOTAL	741	100%

Ethnicity	N Cases*	%
Hispanic/Latinx	217	29.3%
Non-Hispanic/Latinx	414	55.9%
Other	10	1.3%
Unknown/Declined	100	13.5%
TOTAL	741	100%

**Counts, rates, and percents in demographic groups with <10 cases are redacted for privacy purposes.*

Based on 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data, the following populations are disproportionately represented among confirmed COVID-19 cases in Clark County:

- **Hispanic/Latinx:** This group makes up 10.0 percent of the Clark County population, and represents 33.9 percent of confirmed cases with available ethnicity data (641 cases, 87 percent).
- **Black or African American:** This group makes up 1.6 percent of the Clark County population, and represents 3.2 percent of confirmed cases with available race data (534 cases, 72 percent). Please note that the number of cases in this population is small (n=17).
- **Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander:** This group makes up 1.0 percent of the Clark County population, and represents 2.4 percent of confirmed cases with available race data (534 cases, 72 percent). Please note that the number of cases in this population is small (n=13).
- **Women:** This group makes up 50.1 percent of the Clark County population, and represents 54.4 percent of confirmed cases.
 - **Men** are disproportionately represented among deaths, representing 65.5 percent of Clark’s 29 COVID deaths.
- **Adults 30 and older:** This group makes up 73.8 percent of the Clark County population, and represents 77.7 percent of confirmed cases.
 - **Adults 70 and older** make up 10.1 percent of Clark County population. They represent 12.7 percent of confirmed cases and 82.7 percent of Clark’s 29 COVID deaths.

Protecting populations: Clark County Public Health’s response to the outbreak at Firestone Pacific Foods demonstrates the county’s ability to protect low-income communities and communities of color. This outbreak has impacted low-income and Spanish-speaking members of the community. Clark County responded by arranging for universal testing, utilizing translation services and providing wraparound services.

Clark County Public Health coordinated with The Vancouver Clinic and Firestone to arrange for free testing of all employees and their close contacts. This removed a financial burden and potential access barrier for uninsured employees.

Clark County Public Health worked with translators to conduct case interviews and contact notifications of all Spanish-speaking employees and close contacts impacted by the outbreak. Through these interpreters, Public Health was able to communicate with those impacted in the language they



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understand best to offer guidance around isolation and quarantine and gather important information for protecting others who may have been exposed.

In addition, Clark County Public Health worked with cases in isolation and close contacts in quarantine to ensure their daily needs for food and housing were met. Clark County’s wraparound services team provided groceries, rental and utility payment assistance, and facilitated delivery of needed prescriptions for dozens of individuals.

Clark County has also provided a variety of communications and resources in multiple languages. Clark County has webpages translated in Spanish and Russian that provide information about symptoms, testing, case interviews and contact notification, and public health recommendations, as well as a range of resources. Social media messaging on these topics have also been translated and targeted to zip codes with higher percentages of Spanish- and Russian-speaking households.

Additional COVID-19 resources are provided on the Clark County and Clark County Public Health websites in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Thai.

Outbreaks: Since entering Phase 2 on June 5, Clark County has met the state metric for protecting high-risk populations, based on the number of outbreaks per week (defined as 2 or more non-household cases epidemiologically linked within 14 days in a workplace, congregate living, or institutional setting in the county). The table below provides details on the new or ongoing outbreaks since Clark County entered Phase 2. The table includes long-term care facilities that meet the State Department of Health outbreak definition of one case.

CDC Week	Start	End	N Outbreaks	Facility Name	N Confirmed Cases	N Confirmed Clark Co. Cases	Outbreak Status
19	5/3/2020	5/9/2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20	5/10/2020	5/16/2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21	5/17/2020	5/23/2020	1	Firestone Pacific Foods	79	72	Ongoing
22	5/24/2020	5/30/2020	1	Pacific Enterprises	2	2	Ongoing
23	5/31/2020	6/6/2020	2	Pacific Crest Building Supply	25	16	Ongoing
				*Clearwater Springs	1	1	Over
24	6/7/2020	6/13/2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	6/14/2020	6/20/2020	2	*Avamere Cascade Park	1	1	Over
				*VA Long Term Care	1	1	Over

**Long-term care facility meeting the Washington Department of Health outbreak definition of one case.*



Clark County hospital data

Clark County’s two hospitals – PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center and Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center – meet the state’s targets for health care system readiness. The hospitals have less than 80 percent of their beds occupied and less than 10 percent of their beds are occupied by suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases. In addition, hospitalization trends in Clark County are remaining flat or decreasing.

The June 25 data from WA HEALTH confirms Clark County hospitals’ readiness.

	Legacy Salmon Creek	PeaceHealth Southwest	Clark Co Total
Licensed bed occupancy (census / % occupied)	137 / 59.8%	297 / 67.5%	434 / 64.9%
Licensed beds occupied by positive and pending COVID-19 patients (census / % occupied)	17 / 7.4%	6 / 1.4%	23 / 3.4%
COVID-19 positive in house	3	6	9
COVID-19 pending test in house	14	0	14

Hospital data demonstrates that hospitalization of COVID-19 cases remains flat or is decreasing, and the percent of licensed beds occupied by suspected and confirmed covid-19 cases remain below the state target of less than 10 percent (see table below).

Day	Date	Clark County Total		LSCMC		PHSW	
		COVID Positive Census	Licensed beds occupied by COVID positive	Census	%	Census	%
Friday	6/5/2020	1	0.1%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Saturday	6/6/2020	1	0.1%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Sunday	6/7/2020	3	0.4%	3	1.3%	0	0.0%
Monday	6/8/2020	3	0.4%	3	1.3%	0	0.0%
Tuesday	6/9/2020	2	0.3%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%
Wednesday	6/10/2020	1	0.1%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%
Thursday	6/11/2020	2	0.3%	1	0.4%	1	0.2%
Friday	6/12/2020	4	0.6%	1	0.4%	3	0.7%
Saturday	6/13/2020	4	0.6%	1	0.4%	3	0.7%
Sunday	6/14/2020	5	0.7%	2	0.9%	3	0.7%
Monday	6/15/2020	11	1.6%	3	1.3%	8	1.8%
Tuesday	6/16/2020	12	1.8%	3	1.3%	9	2.0%
Wednesday	6/17/2020	14	2.1%	3	1.3%	11	2.5%
Thursday	6/18/2020	13	1.9%	3	1.3%	10	2.3%
Friday	6/19/2020	13	1.9%	3	1.3%	10	2.3%
Saturday	6/20/2020	N/A	N/A	3	1.3%	N/A	N/A



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Sunday	6/21/2020	13	1.9%	4	1.7%	9	2.0%
Monday	6/22/2020	11	1.6%	4	1.7%	7	1.6%
Tuesday	6/23/2020	13	1.9%	4	1.7%	9	2.0%
Wednesday	6/24/2020	11	1.6%	4	1.7%	7	1.6%
Thursday	6/25/2020	9	1.3%	3	1.3%	6	1.4%

In addition, the Clark County hospitals certify they each have at least a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE), including N-95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gloves and gowns. Hospitals using PPE conservation strategies certify they are following state Department of Health guidance on PPE reuse and extended use. Both hospitals are reporting, and will continue to report daily, all data requested by Department of Health (see enclosed letters).

Testing

Clark County has met or exceeded the targets set by the state for number of tests conducted (50 tests per case) and positivity rates (no more than 2 percent) for each of the weeks the county has been in Phase 2.

CDC Week	Dates Included (Specimen collection date)	Total No. Positive	Total No. Tests	Target No. Tests	Target Met?	Percent Positive	Target Met (<2%)?
23	5/31/2020 - 6/6/2020	53	3044	2650	Yes	1.74%	Yes
24	6/7/2020 - 6/13/2020	41	3159	2050	Yes	1.30%	Yes
25	6/14/2020 - 6/20/2020	54	2920	2700	Yes	1.85%	Yes
OVERALL % POSITIVE:						1.62%	Yes

Clark County has met the metric for the median number of days from symptom onset to specimen collection (2 days or less) in the two complete weeks for which the county has been in Phase 2. Data for the two partial weeks that Clark County has been in Phase 2 are also included in the table below:

CDC Week	Dates Included (case verified date)	N Cases	N Interviewed Cases	N Symptomatic Cases	Median Onset to Collection (Days)	Target Met? (≤2 days)
23	6/5/2020 - 6/6/2020	22	19	18	2.5	No
24	6/7/2020 - 6/13/2020	52	44	38	2.0	Yes
25	6/14/2020 - 6/20/2020	53	46	37	2.0	Yes
26	6/21/2020 - 6/25/2020	61	35	30	3.0	No

While Clark County does not meet the metric for the partial weeks, Public Health is confident the county can continue to improve this metric with increased staffing for case investigations and contact tracing, and enhanced outreach to providers and the public. The increased staffing will enable Public Health to more quickly identify close contacts, educate them on symptoms and encourage testing as soon as



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symptoms begin. Monitoring of close contacts will also help to identify contacts who are symptomatic and arrange for prompt testing.

Public Health has taken steps to stress the importance of early testing among health care providers and the public. Public Health issued an advisory to all local health care providers, relaying the updated Department of Health testing guidance and asking providers to test all patients exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 as quickly as possible. In addition, Public Health issued a news release urging people with symptoms to seek testing as soon as possible. These messages have also been shared on the county's website and, on several occasions, on the county's social media platforms in English, Spanish and Russian.

Testing sites

Clark County is encouraging people to seek testing as soon as they develop symptoms of COVID-19. Early testing and case identification is crucial to quickly isolating cases, placing close contacts in quarantine and slowing the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Since entering Phase 2 on June 5, three additional clinics have begun offering testing to non-established patients. Sea Mar Community Health Centers in Battle Ground, East Vancouver and Salmon Creek are now offering community testing, including free testing for those who are uninsured, two days per week. Drive up testing is also available at all three locations. Additional Sea Mar Community Health Center locations in Clark County plan to begin offering similar community testing services.

Clark County now has a total of 13 clinics providing testing to anyone in the community who needs to be tested, including free testing for people who are uninsured.

- Legacy GoHealth – Hazel Dell, 9 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday, 8 am to 8 pm Saturday – Sunday
- Legacy GoHealth – Cascade Park, 9 am to 5 pm Monday – Friday, 8 am to 8 pm Saturday – Sunday
- Providence Family Medicine Battle Ground, 8 am to 6 pm Monday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm Saturday – Sunday
- Rose Urgent Care and Family Practice, 9 am to 6 pm Monday – Friday, 9 am to 5 pm Saturday (drive up testing available)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center, Battle Ground, 8:30 am to noon Tuesdays, 1-4:30 pm Thursdays (drive up testing available)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center, East Vancouver, 8:30 to 11:15 am Mondays, 1 to 4:15 pm Thursdays (drive up testing available)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center, Salmon Creek, 1 to 5 pm Wednesdays, 9 am to noon Thursdays (drive up testing available)
- The Vancouver Clinic – 6 locations, 7 am to 8 pm Monday – Friday, 7 am to 5 pm Saturday – Sunday

The updated list of clinics above, with contact information, is posted on the Public Health and Clark County websites. Public Health continues to urge residents to seek testing as soon as they develop symptoms through messages on the county's social media accounts in English, Spanish and Russian.



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Clark County Public Health is also continuing to coordinate, through a partnership with The Vancouver Clinic, facility-wide COVID-19 testing for people staying in local homeless shelters. Through this partnership, Public Health has arranged for testing at 10 local shelters.

Case investigations and contact tracing

Based on Clark County's population of 488,500 people, the county needs about 74 case investigators and contact tracers, assuming 15 contact tracers for every 100,000 population ($488,500/100,000 \times 15 = 73.275$).

Clark County Public Health currently has 19 department staff (19 FTE) trained and ready to perform case investigations and contact tracing. The 19 staff includes nine public health nurses, two epidemiologists, four environmental health specialists and four community health workers.

In addition, Public Health has 17 temporary employees (17 FTE) and six volunteers (2 FTE) who are trained and ready to perform case investigations and contact tracing. Clark County Public Health has secured a contract with Public Health Institute to provide additional case investigation and contact tracing support. The Public Health Institute currently has 23 people (23 FTE) hired and trained to perform contact notification.

In total, Clark County currently has 65 people (61 FTE) trained and ready to do case investigations and contact tracing.

Within the next four weeks, Public Health Institute will have an additional 10 people (10 FTE) trained and ready to do this work. In addition, Public Health will have an additional five temporary employees (5 FTE) trained and performing this work.

In total, Clark County will have 76 FTEs trained and ready to do case investigations and contact tracing within the next four weeks, meeting the minimum required number of 15 per 100,000 county population. A letter certifying Public Health Institute's ability to assist Clark County with case and contact investigations is enclosed.

Clark County Public Health has been conducting case and contact investigations seven days a week since May 18.

In the past two weeks (June 10-24), Clark County identified 133 cases of COVID-19 and reached 63 percent of cases by phone within 24 hours of receipt of a positive lab test. In the past two weeks (June 10-24), Clark County identified 69 close contacts and attempted to reach 84 percent of close contacts by phone within 48 hours. Clark County successfully reached 61 percent of close contacts by phone within 48 hours.

Clark County and Public Health Institute have spent the last several weeks hiring, onboarding and training new staff to perform case interviews and contact notifications. With the increased staffing, as



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outlined above, Clark County is confident its ability to reach cases within 24 hours and contacts within 48 hours will improve.

In addition, this week Clark County launched a new online database, Kohezion, which will allow for more streamlined data sharing between Public Health and Public Health Institute. Previously, Clark County and Public Health Institute shared data via spreadsheets, which required manual reconciliation of data daily. The common database will increase efficiencies for case interviews, contact notifications and active monitoring.

Clark County began daily monitoring of all cases in isolation and close contacts in quarantine on June 22, after Public Health Institute completed hiring and training of additional staff. Prior to June 22, Clark County prioritized outreach to monitoring cases tied the workplace outbreak at Pacific Crest Building Supply, and to notifying close contacts of new cases of their possible exposure and providing instruction on quarantine. Since taking over active monitoring for Clark County on June 10, Public Health Institute has successfully reached every case and close contact every other day.

In the last week (June 18-24), Clark County has made daily contact with 88 percent of cases in isolation and 88 percent of close contacts in quarantine, exceeding the ideal target of 80 percent.

Public Health Institute has successfully increased staffing and completed training in order to meet the need for daily monitoring. Active monitoring consists of daily phone calls and/or text messages to cases and close contacts of cases to check on symptom status and their ability to successfully isolate or quarantine. Clark County also offers wraparound services, such as grocery delivery and rental assistance, to help ensure cases and close contacts can successfully remain in isolation and quarantine.

Outbreak investigations

Outbreak investigation capacity

Clark County Public Health has developed internal COVID-19 investigation protocols, which include facility-specifics guidance (e.g. workplace, corrections, long-term care facilities), for responding to outbreaks in congregate type settings, facilities and workplaces. Since the beginning of this pandemic, Clark County Public Health has identified and investigated 23 outbreaks in long-term care facilities and 9 workplace outbreaks.

Clark County Public Health has nine health department staff trained to conduct outbreak investigations – seven public health nurses and two epidemiologists – as well as a certified infection preventionist who supports long-term care facility outbreak response. Public Health has also added and trained 18 temporary public health nurses who are supporting COVID investigations.

Clark County Public Health has partnered and entered into an agreement with a local medical clinic, The Vancouver Clinic, to establish a strike team that conducts on-site testing at facilities experiencing an outbreak or where a significant exposure has occurred. Through this agreement, Public Health has facilitated universal testing of staff and residents in long-term care facilities with one or more cases. To date, Clark County Public Health has facilitated 1,489 tests through this strike team. In addition to the strike team model, Clark County Public Health has mapped out available testing resources within the



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community to help improve the referral process among contacts and others who are interested in seeking testing.

In addition, Clark County has 1,000 sample collection kits in reserve.

Clark County Public Health also helped to acquire a point-of-care COVID-19 testing machine for the Clark County Jail and provides a regular supply of test kits for the machine.

Clark County Public Health partners with the Department of Social and Health Services and Washington State Department of Health's Healthcare-Associated Infections team to investigate long-term care facility outbreaks. Public Health partners with Washington State Department of Labor and Industries for workplace-based investigations.

Isolation and quarantine facilities, services

Isolation and quarantine facility for unhoused population

Clark County has secured one facility to provide isolation and quarantine for people who are unhoused and are identified as a COVID-19 case or a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

A Vancouver Motel 6 has been secured and is serving as the COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation Motel for Unhoused Population. The county has up to 54 rooms available for isolation and quarantine. Each room has two beds, providing the ability to house 54 to 108 people, depending on household composition. Clark County has secured the facility through Oct. 31.

As of June 24, one person is in isolation and nobody is in quarantine at the facility.

The following services (and entity providing services) are provided at the motel: housing (motel), laundry (vendor), food (nonprofit Meals on Wheels), cleaning (vendor), transportation (vendor), site management and operations (Clark County), case management and connection to community resources (local nonprofits), referrals for service (nonprofit Council for the Homeless), COVID-19 testing (Clark County Public Health and The Vancouver Clinic).

Home isolation and quarantine services

Clark County Public Health is currently providing wraparound services to people in home isolation or quarantine. These services include groceries, rental assistance, utility assistance and prescription medication delivery.

Staff doing case interviews and contact notification identify individuals who currently need resources or who may need support later in their isolation or quarantine period. Those referrals are emailed to the wraparound services team via a designated email address. Upon receipt of the referral, a wraparound services team member calls the individual to gather necessary information to complete the request, such as grocery lists, contact information for housing rental or leasing office, and utility account information.



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As of June 24, Public Health has provided groceries for 39 households, rental assistance to 37 individuals and utilities assistance for 12 households through this wraparound services team.

Public Health Institute will soon take over providing people in home isolation or quarantine with needed services they cannot otherwise obtain. The Public Health Institute is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with more than 55 years of experience providing staffing support services for state, local and federal public health departments and government agencies.

Referrals for these services will be made by Clark County Public Health, using a secure data platform that will meet necessary data security standards. Public Health Institute and Clark County Public Health will implement case navigation activities using a secure data platform to ensure clients connect with Public Health Institute. Public Health Institute will measure and implement outreach to clients following strict quality assurance and performance metrics to ensure it meets the required caseload.

Additional information

Questions or requests for additional information can be made to Dr. Alan Melnick, Clark County Public Health director and Clark County health officer: alan.melnick@clark.wa.gov or 564.397.8412.



June 23, 2020

Clark County Board of Health,

On June 5, Clark County entered Phase 2 of Gov. Jay Inslee's four-phased Safe Start reopening plan. This Friday marks three weeks in Phase 2, the minimum amount of time a county must spend in Phase 2 before applying to move Phase 3.

In order to advance to Phase 3, Clark County must submit an application demonstrating its ability to meet several metrics outlined by the state. Counties should have an incidence of fewer than 25 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 county population the previous two weeks. Clark County's incidence is 18.42 cases per 100,000 population.

Counties must also demonstrate adequate staffing for case interviews and contact notifications, testing capacity, low positivity rates, staffing capacity to conduct outbreak investigations in congregate settings, and the ability to provide isolation and quarantine services for the unhoused population.

The application for Phase 3 also calls for evidence of adequate hospital capacity in Clark County to treat COVID-19 patients, flat or declining hospitalization rates, and an adequate supply of personal protective equipment. The hospitals must also commit to continuing to provide COVID-19 case data to the Washington State Department of Health and to follow state guidance for the reuse of personal protective equipment. Clark County's two hospitals, PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center and Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, will provide letters affirming those commitments.

I believe Clark County can meet the outlined criteria, and given the current incidence of COVID-19 in our community, I recommend Clark County submit an application to implement all Phase 3 modifications. With Board of Health approval, Clark County Public Health is prepared to compile the information necessary to submit an application to Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH
Health Officer



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-10

A Resolution of the Clark County Board of Health approving the Local Health Officer to apply to the Washington State Department of Health for a variance of the Governor’s Stay Home-Stay Healthy Proclamation, from Phase 2 to all elements of Phase 3;

1 **WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor of the State of Washington
2 proclaimed a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington as a
3 result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
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5 **WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed
6 a prohibition on certain activities by all people and businesses throughout Washington
7 State, known as the “Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order” in recognition of the threat to
8 public health and safety posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.
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11 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020, Washington State granted Clark County’s
12 application for a variance from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the Governor’s the Governor of
13 the State of Washington’s “Stay Home-Stay Safe Order”.
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Washington announced he would allow
17 counties with less than 25 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people over the previous two
18 weeks to apply for a variance from Phase 2 of his “Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order” to
19 Phase 3 and that the application for the variance must be made to the Department of
20 Health.
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22 **WHEREAS**, Clark County is eligible to request a variance from the Department of Health
23 to move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the Governor’s “Stay Home-Stay Health Order”.
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25 **WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2020, the Clark County Local Health Officer, Dr. Alan Melnick,
26 did recommend, in writing, that the Clark County Board of Health request a variance from
27 the Department of Health from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the “Stay Home-Stay Healthy
28 Order”.
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30 **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2020, a hearing was held for the Clark County Board of
31 Health to vote on the recommendation to apply for a variance from Phase 2 to Phase
32 3 of the Governor of the State of Washington’s “Stay Home-Stay Safe Order”.
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34 **THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF**
35 **WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

37 1. The Clark County Board of Health approves the recommendation of the
38 Local Health Officer to apply to the Washington State Department of Health for a
39 variance of the Governor's Stay Home-Stay Safe proclamation to move Clark County
40 from Phase 2 to Phase 3.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2019.

BOARD OF HEALTH
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Abstaining _____

Attest:



Clerk to the Board

By: 

Eileen Quiring, Chair

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Prosecuting Attorney

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Amanda Migchelbrink
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
Julie Olson, District 2

By: _____
John Blom, District 3

By: _____
Gary Medvigy, District 4



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-11

A Resolution of the Clark County Council approving the Board of Health’s Resolution to apply to the Washington State Department of Health for a variance of the Governor’s Stay Home-Stay Healthy Proclamation, from Phase 2 to all elements of Phase 3;

1 **WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed
2 a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington as a result of the
3 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
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5 **WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed
6 a prohibition on certain activities by all people and businesses throughout Washington
7 State, known as the “Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order” in recognition of the threat to
8 public health and safety posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.
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10 **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020, Washington State granted Clark County’s
11 application for a variance from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of the Governor’s the Governor of
12 the State of Washington’s “Stay Home-Stay Safe Order”.
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Washington announced he would allow
15 counties with less than 25 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people over the previous two
16 weeks to apply for a variance from Phase 2 of his “Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order” to
17 Phase 3 and that the application for the variance must be made to the Department of
18 Health.
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21 **WHEREAS**, Clark County is eligible to request a variance from the Department of Health
22 to move from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the Governor’s “Stay Home-Stay Health Order”.
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24 **WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2020, the Clark County Local Health Officer, Dr. Alan Melnick,
25 did recommend, in writing, that the Clark County Board of Health request a variance from
26 the Department of Health for all elements of Phase 3.
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28 **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2020, the Clark County Board of Health did approve by a
29 majority vote, the request to apply for a variance from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the Governor
30 of the State of Washington’s “Stay Home-Stay Safe Order”.
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32 **WHEREAS**, each local hospital in Clark County has submitted a letter certifying they
33 meet the requirements detailed in the Department of Health’s COVID-19 County Variance
34 Plan: Moving from Phase 2 to Phase 3.
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36 **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2020, a regularly scheduled meeting was held for the Clark
37 County Council to vote on the Board of Health’s Resolution to apply for a variance
38 from Phase 2 to Phase 3 of the Governor of the State of Washington’s “Stay Home-
39 Stay Safe Order”.
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41 THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF
42 WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

43 1. The Clark County Council approves the Resolution the Clark County
44 Board of Health to apply to the Washington State Department of Health for a variance of
45 the Governor's Stay Home-Stay Safe proclamation to move Clark County from Phase 2
46 to Phase 3.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2020.

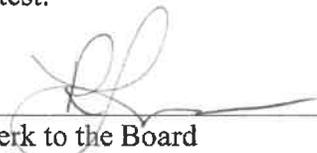
COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Yea 4

Nay _____

Abstaining _____

Attest:


Clerk to the Board

By: 
Eileen Quiring, Chair

Approved as to form only:
ANTHONY F. GOLIK
Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
Temple Lentz, District 1


Amanda Migchelbrink
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
Julie Olson, District 2

John Blom, District 3

Gary Medvigy, District 4





June 23, 2020

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH
Director/Health Officer
Clark County Public Health
1601 E. 4th Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98661

RE: Clark County Application for Phase 3 of Governor's Safe Start Re-Opening Plan

Dear Dr. Melnick:

PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center ("SWMC") serves the residents of Clark County and provides this letter in support of Clark County's variance request to move into Phase 3 of re-opening the county. SWMC certifies as follows:

- As of the date of this letter, sixty-two percent (62%) of SWMC's beds are occupied.
- As of the date of this letter, two percent (2%) of SWMC's licensed beds are occupied by suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- As of the date of this letter, SWMC is reporting and will continue to report daily, including on weekends, all data requested by the Washington State Department of Health into WA HEALTH. In the last two weeks, SWMC reported the requested data for fourteen (14) of the last fourteen (14) days.
- SWMC has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep workers safe. Specifically, as of the date of this letter, SWMC has at least fourteen (14) days of the following PPE supplies in the facility: N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gowns and gloves. SWMC plans to maintain this minimum level of PPE.
- In the event PPE supplies run low and PPE conversation methods must be utilized, SWMC will ensure that clinical staff wearing any one N95 respirator or surgical mask will not wear it for longer than one shift. In addition, SWMC will follow the Extended and Re-use of PPE by Healthcare Personnel (HCP) guidance issued by the Washington Department of Health, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPE-Reuse.pdf>.

SWMC is committed to communicating with Clark County and the state on our preparedness and stands ready to serve the needs of the residents of Clark County

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard DeCarlo".

Richard DeCarlo
Executive Vice President
Chief Operating Officer



June 26, 2020

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital

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RE: Clark County Application for Phase 3 of Governor's Safe Start Re-Opening Plan

Dear Dr. Melnick:

Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center (LSC) serves the residents of Clark County and provides this letter in support of Clark County's variance request to move into Phase 3 of re-opening the county. LSC certifies as follows:

- As the date of this letter, eighty percent (80%) of LSC's beds are occupied.
- As of the date of this letter, four percent (4%) of LSC's beds are occupied by suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- As of the date of this letter, LSC is reporting and will continue to report daily, including on weekends, all data requested by the Washington State Department of Health into WA HEALTH. In the last two weeks, LSC reported the requested data fourteen (14) of the last fourteen (14) days.
- LSC has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep workers safe. Specifically, as of the date of this letter, LSC has at least fourteen (14) days of the following PPE supplies in our system and available to the facility: N95 respirators, surgical masks, face shields, gowns, and gloves. LSC plans to maintain this minimum level of PPE.
- In the event PPE supplies run low and PPE conservation methods must be utilized, LSC will ensure that clinical staff wearing any one N95 respirator or surgical mask will not wear it for longer than one shift. In addition, LSC will follow the Extended and Re-use of PPE by Healthcare Personnel (HCP) guidance issued by the Washington Department of Health, which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/PPE-Reuse.pdf>.

Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center is committed to communicating with Clark County and the state on our preparedness and stands ready to serve the needs of the residents of Clark County.

Sincerely,

Jon Hersen
President Salmon Creek Medical Center



June 23, 2020

Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH
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Vancouver, WA 98666-8825

RE: Letter of Certification Regarding Public Health Institute Support for Clark County COVID-19 Case and Contact Investigation

Dear Dr Melnick:

On behalf of the Public Health Institute (PHI), this letter confirms and certifies PHI's engagement as an implementing partner to support Clark County Public Health's case and contact investigations work in response to COVID-19.

On May 22, 2020 Clark County Public Health executed a contract with PHI that ensures that PHI has the resources necessary to assist the health department in performing the case investigations and contact tracing using statewide standardized COVID-19 case and contact investigation protocols. These resources, combined with PHI's deep experience and infrastructure, have allowed us to move swiftly and effectively in partnership with the Clark County Public Health team to respond to any emerging cases. Over the past month, our COVID-19 response efforts have delivered results for the County and for Clark County residents.

PHI is 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has worked for more than 55 years to promote health, well-being and quality of life for all people. PHI has extensive experience working across the U.S. and internationally, including providing staffing support services to local, state, and federal health departments and government agencies.

PHI's program experience, including large scale survey and case investigation activities, ensures we have the capacity and resources necessary to implement the contract with Clark County and to assist the local health jurisdiction in this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. G. Marsom".

Matthew C. G. Marsom
Vice President for Programs & Policy