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District 7 Summer 2020 Update



Dear Friends:

As the impacts of this unprecedented pandemic continued over the last three months, we welcomed efforts not only from all levels of government, but also from nonprofit organizations and local communities who have dedicated their time, talent and resources to help those who are in need.

Over the past few months, the King County Council has approved several supplemental budgets to aid various industries and support local communities in incorporated and unincorporated areas. In this report, you will find the latest COVID-19 information, a compilation of resources that can help you or your family as well as a summary of some of the South King County events I participated in pursuant to the Safe Start King County plan that is currently in place.

King County COVID-19 Data Dashboards



Daily Summary: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/daily-summary>

Long Term Care: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/LTCF>

Race/Ethnicity: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/race-ethnicity>

Syndromic Surveillance: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/syndromic>

Economic, Social & Overall: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/impacts>

Key indicators of COVID-19 activity: <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/key-indicators>

Homelessness: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/data/homeless.aspx>

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard

The State has put together a [COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard](#), which provides a high-level overview of the main data points discussed among state leaders and the level of risk experts perceive around the current numbers and situation. It gives more details on the metrics discussed by the governor that will be used to determine readiness to proceed safely through a phased reopening.

Face Mask Distribution

King County has purchased 25 million cloth and disposable masks in an effort to provide these critical supplies to our communities as we enter new phases of re-opening in the wake of COVID-19. For more information about resources for small businesses, community and faith-based organizations, child care providers, individual residents and upcoming mask distribution events in King County, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/maskdistribution. For other resources, check the [King County Regional Donations Connector](#).

The infographic is titled "COVID-19 WHICH FACE COVERING SHOULD YOU WEAR?". It is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled "Wear a non-medical face covering when in public spaces" and shows a shopping cart icon. It lists "Face coverings include:" and shows three examples: "Cloth face masks" (a person wearing a patterned cloth mask), "Scarves" (a person wearing a black scarf), and "Bandanas" (a person wearing a patterned bandana). The right section is titled "Save medical masks for healthcare workers and others in high-risk settings" and shows a person in a white coat icon. It lists "Medical masks include:" and shows two examples: "Surgical masks" (a white surgical mask) and "N95 respirators" (a white N95 respirator). A note under surgical masks says "They may also be labeled as isolation, dental, or medical procedure masks." At the bottom, it says "For more information: kingcounty.gov/masks" and "Public Health Seattle & King County" with a logo.

Free COVID-19 Testing

Public Health – Seattle & King County urges anyone with mild COVID-19 symptoms or who has been in close contact with someone ill with COVID-19, to contact a healthcare provider to discuss testing.

King County Testing Sites

There are several [no-cost testing sites](#) in King County that are open to anyone who cannot access COVID-19 testing through their regular health care provider. Most of these sites are nonprofit community health centers. [Public Health FAQ](#)

Sea Mar Federal Way Medical Clinic

Since May 19th, free scheduled drive-thru and walk-up appointments for COVID-19 testing have been available at [Sea Mar Federal Way Medical Clinic](#) every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Those looking to get a test must first call the Sea Mar Federal Way Medical Clinic at 253-681-6600. Testing is free for all family members and health insurance is not required. You do not need to be a Sea Mar patient to receive a test - all are welcome.

Planting Good Seeds to Harvest Help, Hope and Change:

Featuring the Auburn Food Bank and South King County Multi-Service Center

During these uncertain times, it is important that we support the nonprofits and community-based organizations who are providing critical services in our community. The COVID-19 crisis has been especially challenging for food banks, which are serving more people than ever while donation rates decline. Given the reality of this situation, please consider making a donation to one or more of these organizations, such as the [Auburn Food Bank](#) and [Multi-Service Center](#), so they can continue to support our neighbors in need.

Visit the following sites to learn more about the Auburn Food Bank’s and Multi-Service Center’s response to COVID-19:

Auburn Food Bank

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/430152331>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/kvfPbFLk3wg>



With Debbie Christian, Executive Director of the Auburn Food Bank. (Photo taken prior to social distancing guidelines).

South King County Multi-Service Center

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/432671233>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/8xPH54mRdBQ>



With Robin Corak, CEO of the Multi-Service Center. (Photo taken prior to social distancing guidelines).

Supporting Local Businesses

All local businesses, particularly restaurants, have been squeezed by the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. Many of these restaurants are the centers of our neighborhoods providing jobs and serving as gathering places for social and business meetings. Please consider ordering out to support the restaurants and their workers in your community, to make sure they can survive this crisis.



I appreciate Veronica and Celeste who welcomed me with smiling faces as I picked up lunch at one of our newer, family owned restaurants, The Chopped Leaf (photo taken prior to the mask mandate).



Upon the approval of King County's application to enter into Modified Phase 1, I had the opportunity to enjoy outdoor dining at the Chopped Leaf with Mayor Jim Ferrell.

I was happy to join Mayor Jim Ferrell for a “grab ‘n’ go” lunch at Marlene’s. Thanks to Irv Beadle, Kim Henish, and the entire staff who are carrying on Marlene Beadle’s great tradition of service.



With Marlene's Market & Deli Federal Way Store Director Kim Henish and Federal Way Mayor Jim Ferrell

Community Organizations Stepping Up in South King County

I visited with Jason Berry, Executive Director of the Auburn Valley YMCA to talk about the role they are playing in the COVID-19 response. The Auburn Y has been converted to a community response center, providing critical services like child care for kids of essential workers, grab and go meals for young people, and well-being calls to senior and vulnerable members to check-in, offer support and help people avoid social isolation.

The Y has continued to operate their Early Learning Center at Lea Hill as well as their youth and young adult homelessness and mental and behavioral health and substance abuse therapy services throughout the county. If you need assistance and think they can help, you can reach them at 253-833-2770. Thank you, Jason, for everything you and your team are doing for our community during this crisis, and leading by example in South King County.



With Jason Berry, Executive Director of the Auburn Valley YMCA (prior to the mask mandate).

I was proud to participate in the May 2020 virtual auction for Communities in Schools of Federal Way. Development Coordinator Ashley Reilly declared the event a success, raising over \$50,000 to benefit students in need in the Federal Way School District.



*With Communities in Schools
Development Coordinator Ashley Reilly.*

On May 20th, Thomas Jefferson High School seniors took part in filming a socially distanced graduation ceremony, driving through one at a time before the graduating senior left the car to "walk" and receive their diploma.

In a year unlike any before, I want to commend teachers and administrators across our region for finding creative and safe ways to celebrate this year's graduating seniors. A special thank you to Thomas Jefferson Principal Adrienne Chacon and her team for organizing the "commencement", and allowing me to stop by to show my support. Raider Strong! Congratulations to the Class of 2020!



With TJHS Principal Adrienne Chacon



#RaiderStrong Sign

King County is working hard to ensure that everyone has access to facemasks. I met with Rose Ehl and Linda Persha to donate facemasks and help blunt the spread of COVID-19 as we begin to reopen.



Partnering to donate facemasks with Rose Ehl of the Federal Way Farmers Market (left) and Linda Persha of the Kiwanis Club (right) to help ensure people in South King County have access to masks.

On June 7th, I appreciated the opportunity to visit the Auburn Farmers Market on its opening day. The market will be open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Les Gove Park (1140 Auburn Way South, Auburn, WA. 98002).



The Auburn Farmers Market opened for the 2020 season with new hygiene measures and social distancing guidelines to keep proprietors and customers safe. Thanks to Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus for kicking off this year's season with an "elbow bump", and offering to distribute new cloth masks I gave her for our 55 and over residents.

On June 24th, I visited the William J. Wood Veterans House and donated masks and books to Alan Clapper for our veterans. Thank you to Alan and his team for continuously supporting veterans in our community!



With Alan Clapper of the William J. Wood Veterans House

Our shredding and mask distribution events on July 11th in Federal Way and on July 12th in Auburn were a huge success. We were able to shred eight times the usual load compared to our paper shredding events in the past years. We distributed 3,200 masks to over 850 cars in Federal Way, and over 2,000 masks to 257 cars and dozens of walk-ups in Auburn. Additionally, the Auburn Chamber took 3,000 masks to distribute to local stores.



Mayor Jim Ferrell joined as we expanded to two lanes (left); a Mariner fan wanted some more masks for her family (right).



With Linda Persha of the Kiwanis Club (left); community members unloading boxes of documents for shredding (right).



With the Auburn Chamber Board of Directors (left); and a community member getting masks for her family (right).

The July 21st drive-through mask distribution event at the King County Aquatic Center continued to help provide service to our community. We distributed nearly 13,000 individual masks to King County residents. For more information about resources for small businesses, community and faith-based organizations, child care providers, individual residents and upcoming mask distribution events in King County, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/maskdistribution.



Giving out masks to King County residents as they drive-through the Aquatic Center parking lot.

On July 22nd, South King County leaders had the opportunity to get to know our newest King County Councilmember, Girmay Zahilay, who joined us on our first virtual “Good Eggs” community forum. Every Councilmember has taken a different path to the King County Council, but Girmay’s journey from Sudan to Seattle is special. To those who would like to hear his unique perspective during these challenging times but missed the virtual forum, you may watch the recorded version of the forum on my [Facebook page](#).



With District 2 King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay



With South King County state, county, local, and community leaders

On July 24th, the Kiwanis Club of Federal Way successfully held its 64th Annual Kiwanis Salmon Bake by offering a \$20 to-go salmon dinner. The salmon meals were prepared by Amy and John Hatcher's Cafe Pacific and were handed out by volunteer Kiwanians like Mayor Jim Ferrell and Chief Andy Hwang to donors who pre-paid and drove through Steel Lake Park for pick up. I am a proud past president!



Handing a salmon dinner order to a community member



With Amy and John Hatcher of Café Pacific

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