



2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection

Senate Ways and Means Update

March 2, 2020



Overview

- Situation update
- Response activities
- Projected costs

Washington Situation

**numbers current as of 3/1/20*

- Day 42 of the public health system response
- Number of cases: 13 (10-King, 3 Snohomish)
(includes two deaths)
- Number of people under public health supervision*: 231
**The number of people at risk of having been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus who are monitoring their health under the supervision of public health officials. This includes close contacts of laboratory confirmed cases and persons who have returned from China in the past 14 days.*
- State Public Health Lab is now testing, and we are getting results in one day

Public Health System Costs

- As of Sunday, March 1, 2020, the department has spent:
 - About **\$2.3 million** in total costs, (\$60,000 per day)
 - About 100 to 150 state public health workers responding daily
- Local health jurisdictions costs to date for Public Health Seattle-King County and Snohomish Health District are:
 - About **\$1.2 million** in total costs, which averages to about \$30,000 per day

Response Activities – Phase 1

- Phase 1: Containment
 - Standing up response support
 - Developing and communicating guidance from CDC
 - Identifying and testing possible cases with health care partners
 - Conducting case investigations and monitoring of contacts and travelers
 - Establishing isolation and quarantine procedures, locations and wrap around services
 - Key partner engagement
 - Communications (media, web, elected officials...)

Response Activities – Phase 2

- Ready key sectors
 - Healthcare
 - Schools
 - Businesses
- Community Mitigation
 - Community Mitigation Guide development
 - Educating elected officials
- DSHS: Increasing Healthcare Surge Capacity
 - Approximately 430 patients awaiting appropriate placement

Projected Costs

- Costs to date for public health system – \$3.5 million
- Future costs are difficult to forecast at the moment:
 - Length of response
 - Impact on other local health jurisdictions and other partners responding to this event
 - Community Mitigation
 - Hospital surge capacity needs
 - Healthcare planning
- \$100 million for the Public Health System and the Department of Social and Health Services for hospital capacity



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