

King County Area P&R Professionals Mtg.

COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE- CONFERENCE CALL

3.5.2020 0900-0938 HRS

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Issaquah (Jeff W) – programs, services and facilities open. Desire to amend our refund policy but honor some kind of credit (not cash back) for the month of March. Those who can take work home, they are encouraged and supported to do so. Those who can't work from home, if someone chooses to stay home- would be required to take leave. Following public health guidelines.

- 5 facilities
- Currently open, no known contact
- Considering partial closure of Senior Center

Northshore Senior Center (Kenmore) (Jennifer)- closed. Considering emergency proclamation tonight and looking to bring pandemic policy to Council for review regarding closures, etc.- similar to Bothell. **Shutting down public restrooms in parks? Considering shutting down due to low staff levels- 50% health related and 50% operational limitations due to staffing.**

City of Covington (Pat)- **cleaning of play areas or closing play areas?**

City of Kirkland- not shutting down restrooms in parks

City of Kent (Julie)- status quo- no closures; social distancing? Allowing staff to telecommute?

City of Bellevue (Shelley & Toni Esparza)- community centers & facilities open; following PHSKC guidelines; more cleaning & supplies distributed to staff; declared city-wide emergency 2 days ago.

- Spring Classes started this week- withdrawals started. Offering full refunds during 1st week of class because of the immediacy of the escalation when classes started.
- Facility rentals- if rented in March, full refund
- Reviewing large gatherings/events- creating a list of special events & gatherings (10 or more); looking at alternative options; youth theatre benefit auction cancelled next week
- Reviewing senior programming- case-by-case review and determining where programs
- Telework is an option- determined on a case-by-case basis; those at facilities
- Bellevue School District- limiting non-essential activities, indoors/outdoor rentals
- **Will need to evaluate impacts on vulnerable populations if public restrooms are shutdown.**

City of Redmond- programming dispersed amongst many centers and locations due to their dedicated senior center is closed due to structural issues.

Kirkland- guidance from PHSKC regarding 10 or more people is confusing. Cancelled 2 special events in March. Have meetings today at 4pm regarding closing down centers and all programs

What will be trigger for re-opening? What will be considered safe?

City of Burien P&R (Casey S.)- Cities declaring state of emergency at all? Would help

Shoreline (Mary)- just declared state of emergency; closing recreation facilities (2 community centers, 1 pool) today at 5pm; all rentals and all programs. Planning Commission will occur tomorrow night (less than 10 people). All other public meetings cancelled. Senior center privately operated, but evaluating situation and likely to close today. Indoor large rentals cancelled. Full refund. Outdoor rentals no decision. Tracking lost revenue. Schools just cancelled non-essential activities including outdoor & indoor activities.

City of Renton –

- Self reported unconfirmed case
- Closed RCC for two days

Tukwila- closing big gatherings and senior activities. Evaluating big basketball tournament this weekend. Sending staff home

Metro Parks Tacoma –

- Implementing new cleaning guidelines
- Activated COOP/ops/planning
- Increased communication

Maple Valley-

- Like most others, programs are still running
- Have had some rentals cancel, working on refund policy with them
- Ongoing meetings and following Public Health's guidance.
- Have canceled public meetings for the remainder of the week
- Since situation is changing and evolving, we are currently looking at this weekly.

Other Questions/Notes

- More frequent disinfecting of high traffic/high use areas
- **What coordination with Schools has taken place?**
- **Any determination on use of FMLA for absences?**