

Subject: [Records Center] General Records Request :: G000492-053020
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:56:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: King County Public Records
To: Sarah Wishingrad
CC: James.Apa@kingcounty.gov

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August 26, 2021

Re: G000492-053020

Dear Ms. Sarah Wishingrad:

Thank you again for the public records request which the King County Executive Branch received from you on March 05, 2020. We understand you are seeking the following records:

"All email communications between (1) Public Health Director Patty Hayes and/or Health Officer Jeff Duchin, and (2) anyone communicating from an email address ending in cdc.gov, eop.gov, or hhs.gov."

An installment of records responsive to your request is available to you now in the King County Public Records Center. Click the link below to retrieve the records. Please note that the link works best with the Google Chrome browser, and any pop-up blockers need to be turned off.

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In addition, I have placed copies of the latest installment in the following shared OneDrive:

[Wishingrad OneDrive](#)

Limited redactions have been made to the enclosed records based on the following statutory exemption:

CODE	WHAT EXEMPTION THE CODE STANDS FOR	STATUTE/CASE	BRIEF EXPLANATION OF HOW EXEMPTION APPLIES
PHI	Medical Records - Protected Health Information	Chapter 70.02 RCW; Proclamation 20-64.5 Public Records Act - Contact Tracing-Personal Information	Identifying healthcare information (All elements of dates directly related to an individual, including birth date, admission date, discharge date, date of service, date of death; all geographic subdivisions smaller than a State, including street address, city, county, precinct, zip code; medical record numbers; names of clients, employers, household members and relatives; and/or telephone numbers) has been redacted as they are exempt from public release without the patient's consent. Public agencies, including local governments, are prohibited from releasing the personally identifying and contact information gathered by COVID-19 contact tracers or in customer/visitor/employee logs in response to a public records request.

We continue to gather and review responsive records, and we anticipate that we will be able to make another installment

of responsive records, should they exist, available to you in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bibler
Public Records Officer
Public Health Seattle & King County

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the



From: Ferro, Jessica
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 4:07 PM PST
To: zzgrp, CD Investigation Team; data, cdimms; Kay, Meagan; Duchin, Jeff
CC: Baure, David; Lukoff, Margaret; Lipton, Beth; Rao, Agam K. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)
Subject: Death Summary 3/2

I've requested a Death Dashboard, but here is the summary I have.

At MEO as of 3/2/20 @ 1530:

- [PHI] - 202011709: Arrived 3/2. From HMC, confirmed positive
- [PHI] - 202011597: From Evergreen, confirmed positive. Autopsy performed 3/2, specimens at MEO
- [PHI] - 202011720: Arrived 3/2. From Evergreen, confirmed positive

At Evergreen as of 3/2/20:

- [PHI] - 202011717: confirmed positive
- [PHI] - 202011714: confirmed positive
- [PHI] - 202011737: confirmed positive

Released to funeral home:

- [PHI] - 202011730: Assoc. with LifeCare? Death certificate states she died at AFH (Majestic Senior Living). Collected specimens at the funeral home – confirmed positive. I am waiting to confirm with the LifeCare linelist on if this person was actually associated with the SNF.

Thanks!

Jessica Ferro, MPH, RN (Pronouns: She/Her)

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From: Schwartz, Margot
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:25 PM PST
To: Duchin, Jeff; Susan Kim
CC: Kay, Meagan; Rao, Agam K. (CDC/DDID/NCEID/DHCPP); Kawakami, Vance
Subject: Re: Exposure to Covid 19 at Derm practice in Kirkland

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Thank you!!!!!! Susan will wait for a call back. She's been on hold over an hour! Keep up the great work. It has been extremely helpful and we are all grateful.
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On Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 3:22 PM -0800, "Duchin, Jeff" <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov> wrote:

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Hi, Margot,

Yes, quite overwhelmed but we want to prioritize HCW exposures so I'll try to see what happened with call line.

No need to close area where patient never was. Good environmental clean of areas where he was present is right.

As for the close contact exposed HCW, correct to quarantine X 14 days away from family – guidance on CDC website exposed HCW. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html>

One of our team members will follow – up ASAP.

Jeff

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From: Schwartz, Margot <Margot.Schwartz@virginiamason.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>; Susan Kim <drsusankim@me.com>
Subject: Exposure to Covid 19 at Derm practice in Kirkland

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Hi Jeff. Thanks for all the hard work you and your team are doing. My friend Susan Kim is a dermatologist in Kirkland and has been on hold at your overwhelmed exposure PUI phone number for about 45 minutes so I'm trying to help her out. One of the life care patients who died on March 1 was seen in her office on February 25 so about 5 days before his death. He was apparently symptomatic at that time. He saw one of Susan's partners **PHI** is asymptomatic. The practice is reaching out to an MA who saw the patient and no longer works there. There are no symptomatic healthcare workers at the office. The office has 2 floors, and the symptomatic patient was only *seen downstairs. He had brief contact with check in staff.* **PHI** *who was sent home has a wife and newborn at home. He will be instructed to quarantine in separate wing from wife and baby. Looking for more guidance from your expert team.* Susan has already closed the downstairs of her office where the patient was. Looking for guidance as to if she has to close the entire office including an upstairs floor where the patient never visited and if anyone else needs Quarantine. Susan's cell phone number is **PII** and mine is **PII**

Thank you!
Margot

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From: Rao, Agam K. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHCPP)
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:47 AM PST
To: Duchin, Jeff; Kay, Meagan
CC: Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD); Jernigan, John A. (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/DHQP)
Subject: Timeline of 21 cases
Attachments: timeline_3_3_2020.pptx

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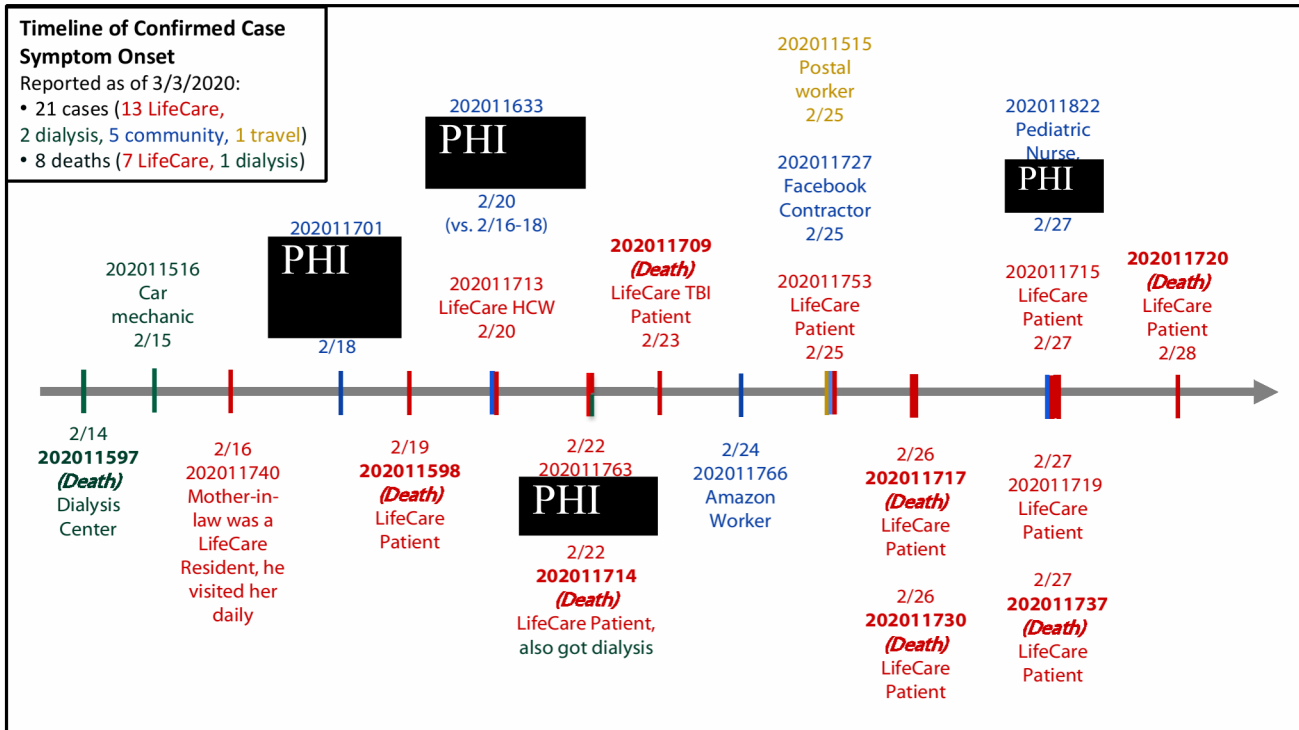
Jeff and Meagan,

Attached is a timeline of all 21 cases by date of illness onset. The color codes indicate the exposure:

- Red = Life Care exposure (includes HCW, residents, and visitors)
- Blue = community (not yet sure of the exposure but some of these have connections to Kirkland)
- Green = dialysis
- yellow = travel-associated (and is just the 1 postal worker)

--Agam

Agam Rao, MD
CDR, USPHS
CDC Technical Epi Lead
WA-King County COVID-19 field team



*2/18 is a proxy date; reportedly 4-5 days before hospitalization on 2/23

Thank you!

For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

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From: Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD)
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 1:38 PM PST
To: Cowgill, Karen; Armstrong, Gregory (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD)
CC: Duchin, Jeff
Subject: Re: Seattle Flu Study

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Yes will do! Long time, great to see a familiar name. My cell is +14045801960. Will give u a call soon so I can understand how best to connect with you and approach this task.

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From: Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 4:36:15 PM
To: Armstrong, Gregory (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <gca3@cdc.gov>; Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD) <zha6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Duchin, Jeff (CDC kingcounty.gov) <jeff.duchin@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Seattle Flu Study

Welcome, Stephanie! Will be great to work with you again — looking forward to it. If you'd like to contact me directly my personal cell is [REDACTED] Karen

From: Armstrong, Gregory (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <gca3@cdc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 11:48:57 AM
To: Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD) <zha6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>; Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Seattle Flu Study

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Stephanie—I just got off the phone with Jeff Duchin, who is very supportive of this. Your contact in his shop will be Karen Cowgill (cc'd here).

Karen—Stephanie is a very seasoned doctoral-level epidemiologist here at CDC, with over 20 years of experience in bacterial respiratory disease epidemiology and public health. She is tentatively flying out tomorrow to start working side-by-side with the Seattle Flu Study. Her tentative objectives are:

- Help interface between the study and various public health partners (Seattle, the state, CDC teams in the field, etc.)
- Review the study—what it is, how it's designed, how flexible is, etc.
- Work with the study to get information that will be useful for the public-health response to SARS-CoV2
- Help develop a plan to modify the study, if needed, to get the information that will be useful to public health, both locally, and for the larger US and global response.

We view her role as being different from that of the CDC response team there, although she will coordinate closely with them (she already is).

Thanks,
Greg A

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From: Jernigan, Daniel B. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ID)
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:56 PM PST
To: Duchin, Jeff
Subject: RE: Returning Travels

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From: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Jernigan, Daniel B. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ID) <dbj0@cdc.gov>
Subject: Returning Travels

Dan - major confusion about quarantine guidance for returning asymptomatic travelers. Is CDC still recommending returning travelers from China or any specific country self quarantine? This gets really tricky when we have community transmission and are not recommending quarantine for asymptomatic contacts of known/suspected cases.

Thanks for your insight.

Jeff

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From: APP (CDC/OCOO/OSSAM)
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 11:24 PM PST
To: Duchin, Jeff
Subject: Hello from Atlanta by way of the SeaTac Q-Station
Attachments: CV _ APP _ Mar 2020.doc

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Hi Jeff,

I know you're very busy so am going to be as brief as possible and bullet-point this:

- I left PHSKC and Seattle after my PMR in 2009 b/c it was an awful time to find a public health job outside the federal system given the economics at that time; I would have loved to stay here at that time if it were possible

- I want to get back to the PNW now

- I have since had 10+ more years of increasing leadership experience at CDC

- I've worked effectively in both infectious and chronic disease: in Foodborne as an EISO involved in multiple national outbreaks; DGMQ in immigrant and refugee health screening; Div of Reproductive Health in maternal/infant morbidity and mortality (int'l and domestic) and emergency response, especially focused on "vulnerable populations" (e.g., Zika); Occupational Health Clinic and OSSAM as both an active clinician and as the OHC liaison to the Emergency Operations Center in a leadership position that produced tangible results; currently deployed as a medical officer to SeaTac for coronavirus

- I've worked effectively at all levels of public health over the past 20 years: county, state, nat'l, and int'l, been a team lead in different divisions at CDC, and have several years of clinical experience as an attending physician

- I've evolved to a level where I'm politically savvy, effective, and know how to (and have) leverage relationships to get things done in an efficient and effective way.

If you see a way I could be useful out here, especially if there might be a way I could stay federal for another 6.3 years (CEFO or other mechanism), please let me know. I think I could be an asset to any county or state health department at this point in my career, especially in the current climate.

Thank you,

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