

Subject: FW: [Records Center] General Records Request :: G000492-053020
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 11:50:27 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Sarah Wishingrad
To: AO Records
Attachments: Inst21-zPROD 20210908.zip

From: King County Public Records <kingcountyexec@govqa.us>
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 11:06 PM
To: Sarah Wishingrad <sarah.wishingrad@americanoversight.org>
Cc: "James.Apa@kingcounty.gov" <James.Apa@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: [Records Center] General Records Request :: G000492-053020

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September 22, 2021

Re: G000492-053020

Dear 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](#)

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

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From: Cowgill, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:43 AM PST
To: Kay, Meagan; Duchin, Jeff; Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD); kirsten.vannice@gatesfoundation.org
CC: Apa, James; Elsenboss, Carina; Hayes, Patty; Worsham, Dennis; Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD)
Subject: Re: King County covid proposal: seeking your rapid input

Looping in Stephanie on this thread.

From: Kay, Meagan <Meagan.Kay@kingcounty.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:37:59 AM

To: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>; Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD) <tnc4@cdc.gov>; kirsten.vannice@gatesfoundation.org <kirsten.vannice@gatesfoundation.org>

Cc: Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>; Apa, James <James.Apa@kingcounty.gov>; Elsenboss, Carina <Carina.Elsenboss@kingcounty.gov>; Hayes, Patty <Patty.Hayes@kingcounty.gov>; Worsham, Dennis <Dennis.Worsham@kingcounty.gov>

Subject: RE: King County covid proposal: seeking your rapid input

Kirsten will be our point.

From: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:58 AM

To: Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD) <tnc4@cdc.gov>

Cc: Kay, Meagan <Meagan.Kay@kingcounty.gov>; Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>; Apa, James <James.Apa@kingcounty.gov>; Elsenboss, Carina <Carina.Elsenboss@kingcounty.gov>; Hayes, Patty <Patty.Hayes@kingcounty.gov>; Worsham, Dennis <Dennis.Worsham@kingcounty.gov>

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Thanks, Tom. I think somehow we would need to have this integrated into our surveillance formally and emergency assistance. Also need to better describe follow-up actions once positive and negative results are obtained.

Meagan – is there anyone on our end who can liaison with SFS to set it up?

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From: Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD) <tnc4@cdc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 6:52 AM

To: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>

Subject: FW: King County covid proposal: seeking your rapid input

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FYI from SFS

From: Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD) <zha6@cdc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 11:26 PM

To: Jernigan, Daniel B. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/ID) <dbj0@cdc.gov>; Armstrong, Gregory (CDC/DDID/NCEZID/OD) <gca3@cdc.gov>; Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DVD) <tnc4@cdc.gov>

Cc: Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>; Fleming, David <dfleming@path.org>

Subject: King County covid proposal: seeking your rapid input

Dan, Greg, Tom,

After much discussion with SFS team and advisors, Gates Ventures teams, and David Fleming (with context from Team B and Bob Pinner), attached please find a proposal Karen Cowgill and I drafted for immediate launch of a new public health surveillance activity in King County, WA. If we can get your concurrence and input on concerns/wishes by our morning in Seattle, we will then have Tom Clark share the ideas with Jeff Duchin to obtain his input. Once we have these inputs and concurrences, including comfort with King County and CDC as the named agencies and faces of this activity, we will proceed with

seeking human subjects determinations at CDC and WA. Our view is this likely falls under public health surveillance/response activity and not human subjects research.

The hope on the part of the partners here is to launch ASAP (days at most from now).

Regarding the serosurvey ideas you sent yesterday, these are under discussion by the SFS team, but will be considered as a separate activity (don't fit directly on the proposed platform here).

Looking forward to your thoughts on the document,

Stephanie and Karen

Stephanie Schrag, D Phil

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From: Duchin, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:40 AM PST
To: Clark, Thomas A. (CDC/CCID/NCIRD); Jernigan, John A.; Dan Jernigan (dbj0@cdc.gov)
BCC: Worsham, Dennis; Kay, Meagan
Subject: Fwd: Coronavirus and Its Impact to Foundation Operations

FYI. Can CDC modelers help with forecasting to inform our mitigation decisions or have. Input on Scott's message?

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Sent: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:37:33 AM
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Cc: Keith Klugman <Keith.Klugman@gatesfoundation.org>
Subject: Re: Coronavirus and Its Impact to Foundation Operations

PS - any additional / ongoing modeling of estimate impacts locally would be helpful. Not sure of how a case on Snohomish translates into estimates in Seattle metro/King county .
Also, can any modeling be done based on the number of cases reported through case reporting?

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From: Scott Dowell <Scott.Dowell@gatesfoundation.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 9:40:15 PM
To: Duchin, Jeff <Jeff.Duchin@kingcounty.gov>; Cowgill, Karen <n-kcowgill@kingcounty.gov>; Schrag, Stephanie (CDC/DDID/NCIRD/DBD) <zha6@cdc.gov>
Cc: Keith Klugman <Keith.Klugman@gatesfoundation.org>
Subject: FW: Coronavirus and Its Impact to Foundation Operations

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Hi Jeff and all,

You are doing a superb job leading during a difficult time!

As we discussed with Karen and Stephanie this evening, the foundation has stepped up our restrictions on travel and event convenings (details below), and are looking to follow guidance from public health authorities regarding more pro-active work from home recommendations or requirements.

At some point we are anticipating hearing from you or other authorities that there is substantial community transmission, triggering recommendations for work-from-home for those who can (we can). You may already have such triggers in mind, but here is some recent thinking in case it helps.

If by Trevor Bedford's estimate there are currently 200-1,200 cases in the Seattle metro area population of 3.4m, that is about 1 in 10,000 or so. Wuhan medical facilities were overwhelmed with numbers peaking around 1/1,000. At Ro of 2.5 and serial interval of 8 days we might reach that level in about 2-4 weeks. If such social distancing is to be most effective you would want to implement it early – some time between now and then.

Does that make sense? If not please let us know and we can adjust communications with our leadership.

Thanks so much,

Scott

From: Mark Suzman <Mark.Suzman@gatesfoundation.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2020 7:20 PM
To: All Foundation Staff <Allfoundationstaff@gatesfoundation.org>
Subject: Coronavirus and Its Impact to Foundation Operations
Importance: High

All,

By now most of you will have seen the news about COVID-19 hitting very close to our headquarters and I want to communicate some additional changes to the way we plan to operate in response. The ELT will follow up with further details soon.

[In our message last Friday](#), we updated our response to the coronavirus and said we were monitoring the situation closely. Later that evening, the Washington State Department of Health announced additional cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish and King counties. Since then the first U.S. deaths related to COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Seattle area as has community transmission. We fully expect additional cases to be reported in the coming days.

This situation is changing rapidly, and while the Seattle campus *remains open for now*, you should prepare for some significant changes in how you conduct foundation business – including working remotely if needed, cancelling all travel (any essential travel will require ELT-level approval according to our existing high-risk travel protocols), and cancelling on-site and off-site events through March. We are committed to providing more details on all of these steps within the next 24-48 hours. If you have immediate questions about travel please contact [Security@](#).

For strategy reviews specifically we are supportive of any employee currently scheduled to participate in person opting to do so remotely on an exceptional basis. Colleagues from regional offices who have already traveled to Seattle in preparation for these important meetings are free to join in person as planned but encouraged to dial-in if they feel uncomfortable in any way.

This is an very fluid situation and we are anticipating that local public health officials may recommend moving to a more explicit mitigation strategy including an approach called social distancing – efforts might range from avoiding handshakes, closing schools, limiting public transportation, and canceling large gatherings.

We understand some of our decisions may sound alarming. However, in the same way the foundation has been at the forefront of the global response to the coronavirus because we believed in the importance of early action before the scope of the crisis was clear, we feel it important to take a careful approach with regard to our own policies and activities. We also feel a responsibility as a foundation focused on global health to take extra precautions to minimize the virus spreading unintentionally to family and community members with weakened immune systems. In addition to following public health officials and our own internal experts for guidance, we are also coordinating closely with the Gates family entities and referencing the actions and decisions of other Seattle-based businesses.

As we previously shared, the foundation is playing a unique role in the wider global response and to maximize our commitment of up to \$100M to accelerate global efforts to end the COVID-19 epidemic, [a working group](#) with foundation resources has been deployed to rapidly strengthen global detection and containment efforts; protect at-risk populations in Africa and South Asia; and help develop vaccines, treatments and diagnostics.

Although you've heard from us frequently via email over the last several weeks and we will continue to send important new guidance directly, please also make use of [Ampersand's COVID-19 page](#) as a reliable source of regularly-updated information.

Thank you for your flexibility, understanding, and patience as we navigate this evolving situation.

Mark

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Cc: [nstone@cdc.gov](#)
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Summary Update 7:45pm 3/1
Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 9:32:23 AM
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I have reviewed the line-list received from Lifecare. They report the following:

- 47 ill employees (first onset 2/12) ranging positions from HCW, dietary, aids, therapy, techs and laundry.
- 28 ill residents (include those hospitalized). Line-list is draft form. Does not include onset dates or symptoms other than identifying "COVID symptoms".

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Subject: Re: COVID-19 Summary Update 7:45pm 3/1

Thanks, Sargis and all. Not pleasant to read but it is a good report.

I hope everyone can get some rest.

Jeff

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Subject: COVID-19 Summary Update 7:45pm 3/1

Hi all,

I've attached the outbreak summary as well as the growing linelist of our confirmed cases and our tests pending results.

Please let me know if you have questions,

There are as up to date as possible right now,
Sargis

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