

COVID-19 Council Update

March 30, 2019

Current Statistics:

- Snohomish County Cases – **1,178** (confirmed and probable)
- Deceased – **31**
- Lynnwood Cases – **169**

Activities completed/active since Last Monday:

- Our EOC is activated at a level 3 and our EOC Command staff are in daily communication with each other. City Incident Action Plan (IAP) was completed last week. The plan is good for seven days and will be updated weekly. The plan identifies our goals and strategies for the existing operational period, the department COOP plans, staffing and contacts, and the organizational structure for each department and the EOC.
- Resource requests have been made through DEM to FEMA for PPE supplies, as well as DEM for sanitation supplies. This is in addition to back-ordered normal supply chains.
- We have received numerous offers of volunteers, supplies, and facilities. These have been forwarded to DEM as they have a portal specific to these efforts.
- We are in a good state with respect to PPE. We have submitted numerous orders, a portion of which is going to be filled this week from the federal government that should provide support for our first responders well into the future.
- Commander Steichen and PIO Moore participate in daily calls from the SnoCo DEM/ECC.
- Mayor Smith participates in a daily call with County Executive Somers and all County Mayors.
- Our City's leadership team participate on a daily call and we report back to COL Leadership what's happening in the County and discuss ways to respond as a city.
- Very good relationship with South County Fire and Rescue. We speak throughout the week about activities, protective measures, strategies, and operations.
- South County Fire is merging its FOC into a Fire Coordination Center with Everett, Marysville and District 7. By unifying these agencies, which encompass the majority of the county, they will essentially be able to serve as an area command to manage all fire/EMS resources if the situation were to get worse and DEM made the request. This is a smart move for providing medical services to the community at-large. This does not change the services we receive from them in any way.
- It has come to our attention that there may be some sites within Lynnwood (senior care facilities) where one or more positive COVID cases have occurred. I spoke directly to Dr. Spitters about this, as well as the epidemiologist. They have a team that investigates this and are aware of the identified sites. I offered our assistance if an issue is identified. I will be checking in with them tomorrow.

- Currently all City of Lynnwood playground equipment, playfields, and the skatepark and off-leash dog park are closed and the appropriate signage is up. The parks open space, trails, and parks bathrooms will remain open. The bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized twice daily. We are looking into additional closures of basketball courts and other sports courts, that naturally introduce activities that foster close personal contact. The Edmonds School District has also closed their school's playground equipment.
- A county quarantine/isolation site at Angel of the Winds Arena will go live this Wednesday. This facility provides for 100 quarantine beds and 50 isolation beds. It will be staffed with medical personnel, on-site private security, and 24/7 LE. It is designed to house people that cannot otherwise self-quarantine at home.
- A field hospital should be coming to Snohomish County around the third week of April. Locations being looked at include the Everett Marina and the State Fairgrounds in Monroe.
- The impacts of COVID-19 on our overall workforce has been negligible. As of this morning less than 4% of our actual workforce is sick. About twice as many are on quarantine (self-imposed or directed) but are asymptomatic. We do have one case of a positive COVID-19 employee, and one that is probable. We have a number of Health Officer directed quarantines as well. The police department is experiencing the most cases but they are not having an impact on operations at present.
- Utilization of telecommuting has been very successful. Outside of the Public Works and Police Departments approximately 71% of our staff are telecommuting.
- A Community Resiliency Team was stood up to discuss possible ways to address the impacts of COVID-19 within our community. We are currently implementing and identifying new public outreach strategies, as well as means in which we can support NGO's should the need exist.
 - Developing a Social Check In Program – our Senior Center staff are currently making phone calls to senior center members to check in and say hello. This team is looking to expand this program to other non-LSC members.
- Messaging is a critical component of our City's response to this public health emergency. We have two overarching goals in our strategic messaging and that is to build community resiliency and encourage community compliance.
 - We are messaging through our city website, Lynnwood eNews, our city social media accounts, and a city-wide postcard will be mailed within the next few days.
 - We are sharing and amplifying the messages of our local and regional partners to promote health department guidelines, safety messages, and what services and resources are available in our community.
 - Internal communication is also a critical piece of our city's response and we are making efforts to keep our employees informed and provide them with the appropriate resources so that they can stay healthy and continue to provide essential services to our community.
 - We are looking at ways to increase our messaging to our diverse community including limited-English speakers.

- We have a webpage dedicated to being the clearing house for covid related information and that webpage is www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19
- Connection to our Business Community is extremely important to address our community resiliency. An email has gone out/or will be going out soon to all Lynnwood Businesses that provides them with local, state and federal resources. We have a webpage called “What’s Open in Lynnwood” and we are actively promoting the essential businesses still operating, and those that have altered their operations during the Governor’s order. Again, that information can be found at www.LynnwoodWA.gov/COVID-19.
- The Mayor is working with a small sub-committee of individuals focused on how we can help support our homeless community members.