

# Public Health Advisory Council

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# Agenda

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- Budget update
- COVID update
  - Latest numbers
  - Firestone Pacific Foods outbreak
  - Pacific Crest Building Supply outbreak
  - Long-term care facility testing
  - Public Health Institute and staffing
- Phase 2 application process
- Phased reopening



# Budget update

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# Budget update

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- County budget, 2020
  - Departments asked to submit one-time 2%, 3% and 5% reduction packages for 2020
    - Reduction only of General Fund support received
    - Public Health fund receives \$1,808,386 in County General Fund support; roughly 13.5% of the total budget
    - Solid Waste fund is an enterprise fund; does not receive General Fund support
    - Public Health proposal was to utilize Department fund balance to offset any 2020 reductions to General Fund support. This proposal appears to have been accepted.
    - Recommendation was to not reduce support of the Medical Examiner's Office budget. This proposal appears to have been accepted.
    - County expected a 35% decline in sales tax revenue for March; actual decline was 16%. County is awaiting April data before taking action on 2020 budget or requiring reductions to 2021 budgets.



# Budget update

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- COVID-19 funding

- Public Health initially received \$1.05M in a Federal/State (approx equal share) grant
  - Despite Federal award going to the State with an allocation period ending December 31, 2020, State of Washington awards to local jurisdictions have allocation periods ending October 31, 2020.
- Federal granting agencies have given permission for local health jurisdictions to bill COVID-19 response costs against several grants in place before the pandemic.
- Expanded State Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) revenue of \$116,072 has been awarded to local health jurisdictions to enhance Hep C services; CCPH share is \$116,072 per year. Washington State is allowing utilization of these grant funds for COVID-19 response costs.
- Clark County's share of Federal CARES Act funding is approximately \$26.8M. Public Health's current request of these funds is \$8,492,394; \$5,260,632 of which is the contract with Public Health Institute.
- Public Health Finance staff are closely tracking expenditures and accessing all possible funding sources. A comprehensive audit of our usage of all funding sources is expected.



# Budget update

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- Department budget, 2021
  - Began with ~\$1.3M deficit
  - Longer-term COVID-19 grant revenue; ~\$250K per year
  - Proposed adjustment to Environmental Public Health fee schedule; \$484,892
  - Enhanced FPHS funding; \$116,072 per year



# COVID-19 update

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# Clark County

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as of June 9

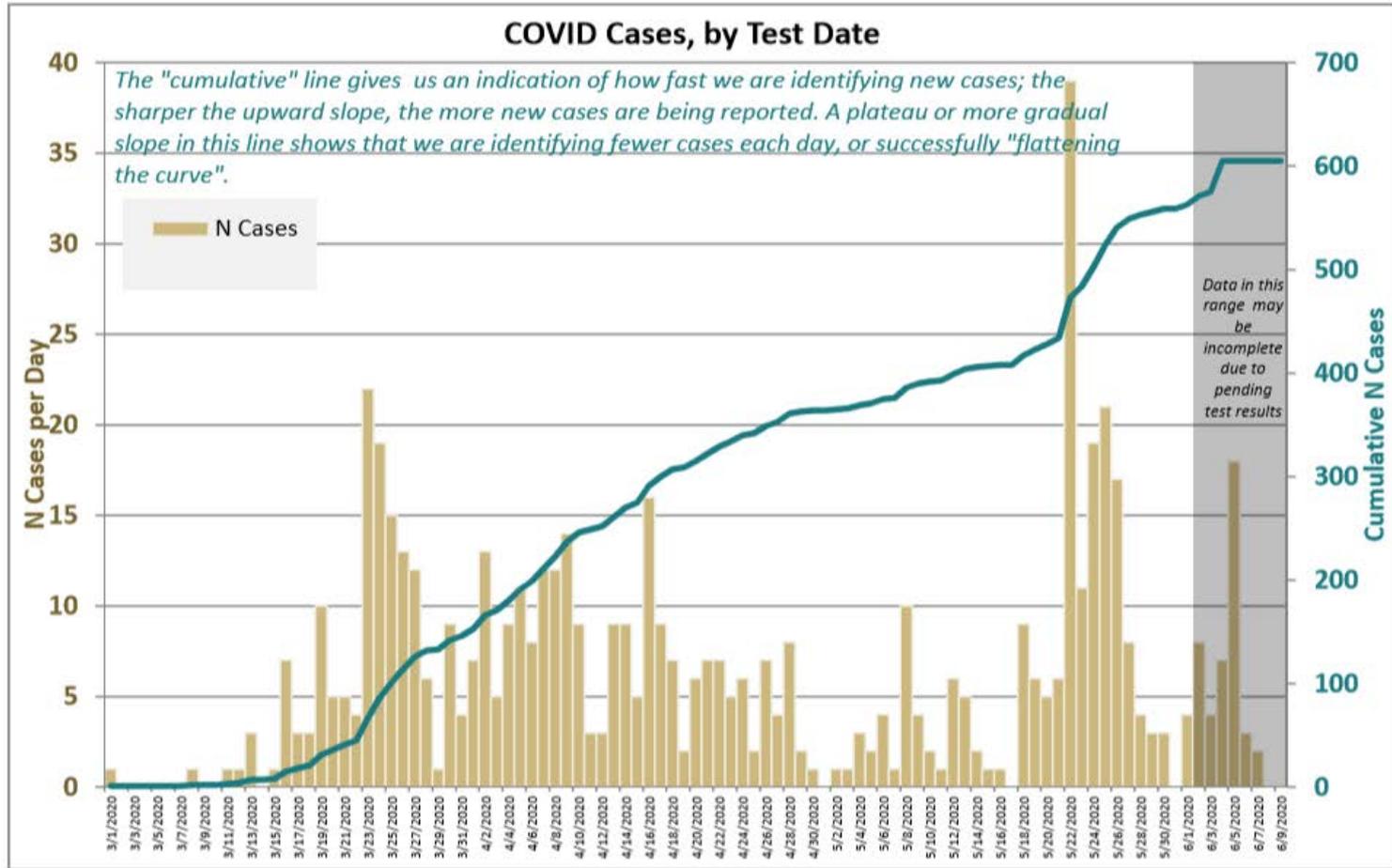
Number positive tests	605
Number of deaths	28
Number of people tested*	12,577

*\*DOH data as of June 7. May not include all negative tests.*



# Clark County

as of June 9



# Firestone Pacific Foods outbreak

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# Firestone outbreak

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as of June 9

<b>Total cases</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Employees tested</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Employees positive</b>	<b>79</b> (7 non-Clark County residents)
<b>Close contacts tested</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Close contacts positive</b>	<b>53</b>

- Public Health notified of first case Saturday, May 16.
- Firestone stopped production, at Public Health request, on Tuesday, May 19.
- Public Health worked with Firestone and Labor & Industries to ensure employees are protected.
- Public Health worked with Firestone and The Vancouver Clinic to facilitate universal testing of all employees and close contacts, beginning Friday, May 22.



# Firestone outbreak

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- Case interviews of employees found 20 people did not have symptoms at the time of their interview with Public Health.
  - Similar data is not yet available for close contacts.
- These cases may have gone undetected and potentially exposed others without the facility-wide testing.
- Public Health provided wraparound services for individuals in isolation and quarantine (groceries and rental assistance).



# Pacific Crest Building Supply outbreak

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# Pacific Crest outbreak

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as of June 9

<b>Total cases</b>	<b>19</b> (6 non Clark County residents)
<b>Employees tested negative</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Awaiting testing/ results</b>	<b>91</b>

- Public Health was notified of the first case on Thursday, June 4.
- Pacific Crest stopped production, at the request of Public Health, on June 4.
- Public Health worked with Kaiser and The Vancouver Clinic to facilitate testing of all employees.
  - Started Friday and continued through weekend.
- Public Health is working with Pacific Crest and Labor & Industries to ensure employees are protected.
- Cases isolated, close contacts quarantined.



# Long-term care facility testing

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- State Department of Health issued an order requiring testing of all residents and staff at nursing homes by June 12 and assisted living facilities with memory care units by June 26.
- State health department is providing testing supplies and personal protective equipment directly to the facilities.
- Test kits are going to facilities directly. Facilities send specimens to labs at no cost to the facility.
- Cost of testing covered by:
  - Medicaid
  - Medicare
  - State health department



# Public Health Institute and staffing

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# Staffing

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- Public Health signed a contract with nonprofit Public Health Institute to fill several positions
  - Postings for contact notifiers, data analysts, epidemiologist, supervisor positions
  - 20 PHI staff came onboard last week to help with active monitoring of Firestone cases, contacts.
  - Additional PHI staff should be in place later this week.
- Public Health posted several supervisory positions
  - Program coordinators, infection prevention practitioner.
  - Interviewing in progress.
- Working with temp agencies to fill case interview positions with nurses.
  - Added 5 temp nurses last week (total of 9 now). Training additional nurses this week.



# Phase 2 application process

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# Phase 2 application

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- Gov. Inslee announced Tuesday, May 19 criteria to allow larger counties to apply for a Phase 2 variance.
  - Requires fewer than 10 cases per 100,000 people in the county over the last 14 days, among other metrics.
- Public Health completed the variance request application and submitted to state Secretary of Health on Friday, May 22.
- Secretary Wiesman placed Clark County's variance request on pause, due to the outbreak, on Saturday, May 23.
- At Secretary Wiesman's request, Public Health provided additional information and data about Firestone outbreak response on Thursday, May 28. Public Health also requested a timeline for moving to Phase 2.



# Phase 2 application

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- On Monday, June 1, Secretary Wiesman requested Public Health submit a new application, using new criteria.
  - Fewer than 25 cases per 100,000 people in the county over the last 14 days
  - Hospitalizations that are flat or decreasing
  - Hospital bed capacity (less than 80% of bed occupied and less than 10% occupied by COVID cases)
  - Testing capacity and positivity rate (50 times number of cases, positivity less than 2%)
  - How quickly follow up with cases and contacts (cases within 24 hours, contacts within 48 hours)
  - Staffing for case interviews and contact notification (15 per 100,000 population)
  - Number of outbreaks (less than three)



# Phase 2 application

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- Public Health submitted new application Tuesday, June 2.
- Secretary of Health approved the application Friday, June 5.
- Clark County will remain in Phase 2 for at least three weeks.
  - After three weeks in a phase, counties can apply to move to the next phase.



Clark County can  
enter Phase 2.



# Phased reopening

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# WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

## Modifying Physical Distancing Measures

INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES SHOULD FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE DURING ALL PHASES

	 Phase 1	 Phase 2	 Phase 3	 Phase 4
<b>High-Risk Populations*</b>	Stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1 or Phase 2 permissible activities.	Strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in Phase 1, 2, or 3 permissible activities.	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
<b>Recreation</b>	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people)</li> <li>- Recreational facilities at &lt;50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)</li> </ul>	Resume all recreational activity
<b>Gatherings (non religious)</b>	No gatherings	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people	Allow gatherings with >50 people
<b>Travel</b>	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I permissible activities	Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase I & II permissible activities	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel
<b>Business/ Employers</b>  (All businesses will be required to follow safety plans written by the state)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Essential businesses open</li> <li>- Existing construction that meets agreed upon criteria</li> <li>- Landscaping</li> <li>- Auto/RV/boat/ORV sales</li> <li>- Retail (curb-side pick-up orders only)</li> <li>- Car washes</li> <li>- Pet walkers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remaining manufacturing</li> <li>- Additional construction phases</li> <li>- In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)</li> <li>- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions)</li> <li>- Real estate</li> <li>- Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)</li> <li>- Personal services (hair and nail salons/barbers, tattoo, etc.)</li> <li>- Pet grooming</li> <li>- Restaurants/taverns &lt;50% capacity, table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating)</li> <li>- Limited small group fitness</li> <li>- Drive-in Movie Theaters</li> <li>- Library (curbside pick-up)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restaurants/taverns &lt;75% capacity/ table size no larger than 10</li> <li>- Bar areas in restaurant/taverns at &lt;25% capacity</li> <li>- Theaters at &lt;50% capacity</li> <li>- Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged)</li> <li>- Libraries</li> <li>- Museums</li> <li>- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nightclubs</li> <li>- Concert venues</li> <li>- Large sporting events</li> <li>- Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene</li> </ul>

\* High-risk populations are currently defined by CDC as: persons 65 years of age and older; people of all ages with underlying medical conditions (particularly not well controlled), including people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, people who have serious heart conditions, people who are immunocompromised, people with severe obesity, people with diabetes, people with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and people with liver disease; people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.



# Phase 2

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# Phase 2

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- All businesses must follow industry-specific guidance issued by the governor's office in order to reopen.
  - Practices to protect the health of employees and customers.

## **Phase 2 allows:**

- Gatherings of no more than 5 people outside household per week
- Outdoor recreation with five or fewer people from outside the household (camping, beaches, etc.)
- Religious services indoors at a place of worship with up to 25% capacity or 50 people, whichever is less; provide in-home services or counseling with up to 5 people
- Strongly encourage high-risk populations to stay home unless participating in permissible Phase 1 or Phase 2 activities



# Phase 2

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- Dine-in restaurant service (less than 50% capacity; table size no more than 5; no bar seating)
- Hair and nail salons, barbershops, tattoo shops
- Remaining manufacturing
- Additional construction
- In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)
- Retail (in-store, with restrictions)
- Real estate
- Professional services/office-based businesses (telecommuting still strongly encouraged)
- Pet grooming
- Limited small group fitness
- Drive-in movie theaters
- Libraries (curbside pick-up)



# Phase 3

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# Phase 3

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## Phase 3 allows:

- Gatherings of no more than 50 people
- Outdoor group recreational sports (fewer than 50 people)
- Recreational facilities - gyms, public pools (less than 50% capacity)
- Restaurants/taverns (less than 75% capacity; table size no more than 10)
- Bar areas in restaurants/taverns (less than 25% capacity)
- Theaters (less than 50% capacity)
- Customer-facing government services (telework strongly encouraged)
- Libraries
- Museums
- All other business activities (except nightclubs and events of more than 50 people)
- Strongly encourage high-risk populations to stay home unless participating in permissible Phase 1, 2 or 3 activities



# Phase 4

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# Phase 4

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## Phase 4 allows:

- Gatherings of more than 50 people
- Resume all recreational activities
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Large sporting events
- High-risk populations can resume public interactions with physical distancing

