

COVID-19 Community Response Call

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ESD	Notes
<p>Mariana Hernandez Email: SystemPolicy@esd.wa.gov Website: esd.wa.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to experience high call volumes • Visit website first for general questions – in English and Spanish • Reviewing documentation that are being sent out to figure out what issues there are regarding unemployment benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some are not receiving their funds ○ Check junk email as well • Different task groups looking at the preventing payments issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checking for common mistakes etc. • Unemployment benefits are not like loans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federally funded – there is no cap ○ Funding does not run out for unemployment benefits ○ Regular unemployment benefits can be applied at any time for those who qualify • Weekly claims can be submitted from Sunday to Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you can file within the week, you are able to • Always urge people to apply to determine if they are eligible • Looking at next steps for language access expansion
<p>Questions from Callers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People may not have the sufficient hours so they do not apply for benefits. What should they do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phone line can be used to apply for unemployment benefits – we will determine if you are eligible ○ With CARES Act you can still qualify for unemployment benefits even if you don't have enough hours ○ There are other options for people during the pandemic ○ There is a phone line for other questions • Who can people contact? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy questions can be submitted to the Policy team/Mariana • Freelance worker qualifying for unemployment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall under pandemic assistance ○ Usually not eligible for regular unemployment benefits ○ Frist step: You do have to apply for regular unemployment – they will receive a denial and in their letter they receive a link to the pandemic assistance to submit their application • How long do you need to wait to reapply for benefits? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You don't have to wait – it can be done the same day for the pandemic assistance • When does the extra \$600 expire? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Available until July 25, 2020

Governor's Office Updates	Notes
<p>RaShelle Davis RaShelle.davis@gov.wa.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Language Access Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1. Translating COVID materials ○ 2. Telephonic interpretation services ○ 3. Dual & multilingual employee pool • Translating COVID-19 Materials

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All cabinet level agencies are required to submit materials for translation – using a master contract managed by DES ○ Translated into 37 languages with Spanish being number 1 ○ Information will be posted on the agency’s website as well as the coronavirus.wa.gov website ● Telephonic Interpretation Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most agencies have an interpretation contracts in place ○ Requiring agencies that don’t to have an interpretation contract and publish the information on their website ○ That way when the public reaches out to the agency they are immediately connected to an interpreter should they need one ● Dual & Multilingual Employee Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducting statewide survey of all state employees to create an employee pool ○ Pool will be called on to assist in emergency translation and interpretation services and other services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social media posts, tv/radio interviews etc.
<p>Questions from Callers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phased approach plan – will it be accessible in Spanish? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, this is an example of a vital plan that is going to be translated

WAISN	Notes
<p>Monserrat Padilla Monserrat@waisn.org WAISN Hotline Phone: 1-844-724-3737</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In partnership with others released a resource finder with a breakdown by counties ● Economic relief – 480 organizations signed on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Heading to a meeting next week about what that would look like ○ Ensuring equity and transparency are placed first ○ Urging for the money to be in the hands of community
<p>Paúl Quiñonez Figueroa Washington Dream Coalition wadreamers1@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding overview with WAISN ● Raised over 1.3 million dollars – still not enough to assist 15,000 applications received ● Finished first phase to disperse funds to the first selected groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received funding from various organizations ○ First 800 selected ● Waiting to start phase two for more organization assistance but unable to happen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many in Yakima are in great need and will move into phase two with the general fund ● Applications have been closed ● Data collection used during conversations with organizations and the Governor’s office about the increasing need of help for undocumented groups ● Contact Paul for connections with organizations throughout the state to expand the access ● Funds awarded through checks to track where the money is going as a nonprofit and as folks are statewide it is the easiest way

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Eastern Washington	Notes
Yakima Valley, Tri-Cities, and surrounding areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing on agricultural labor issues in Yakima area Advocating for issues at the state level and working with partners on the frontlines Yakima Immigrant response network partnership to collect masks and deliver them to folks in need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 507 South 3rd St., Yakima WA
Chelan, Douglas, Grant County and surrounding areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still a need for translated materials as we prepare for agricultural work Important to the share statistics about those disproportionately affected 85,000 jobs connected to AG industry and there may be more under reporting than what we are aware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic/Latinx community less likely to report Cautioning those in leadership roles about the phase opening approach
Skagit, Whatcom Counties and surrounding areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Action of Skagit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing support for grassroots COVID education based on a model Client-intercept model Going to neighborhoods and gathering information Wanting to pull local partner and expand the model and possible funding can come from the county
Vancouver, southwest area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LULAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the coalition to assist in raising funds for WAISN Provide short relief for people without any questions asked Processing several options for mental health care for the Latinx community Dreamer therapist providing free workshops on Tuesdays about how to deal with mental health in our community Aideet in Clark County taking supplies to families in need
Grays Harbor, Pacific Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grays Harbor/Pacific County have had limited resources for Latinx communities Waiting for the Governor to release funds to help Latinx families in these areas for assistance in rent and other bills Need masks and other PPE People can call the 2-1-1 line to get connected with resources and programs throughout the nation but especially in WA
Pierce County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centro Latino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided over 1000 food baskets Received families from the King County areas because they can't receive resources in their cities Latinos Unidos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with City of Tacoma to get more things translated Working with Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

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Shared Links

- <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment>
- <https://esd.wa.gov/espanol/unemployment>
- <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19-worker-information>
- <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-workers-spanish>
- <https://bit.ly/3cfWlbf>
- <https://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help>
- https://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/pierce_county_eviction_assistanc.html

Complaint Form for Evictions

- <https://fortress.wa.gov/atg/formhandler/ago/COVID19EvictionComplaintForm.aspx>

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- Monserrat Padilla, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network: Monserrat@waisn.org | 1-844-724-3737
- Dulce Gutierrez, WSLC: dgutierrez@wslc.org | (509) 833-3096
- Employment Security Department: SystemPolicy@esd.wa.gov
- Paúl Quiñonez Figueroa: wadreamers1@gmail.com
- Gabriela Ewing: Gewing007@gmail.com
- Skagit Latinx Advisory Committee Meeting: LAC@CommunityActionSkagit.org
- Isabel, Catholic Community Services: isabelcr@ccwww.org | (360) 589-6849
- Representative Bill Ramos: Bill.Ramos@leg.wa.gov | (425) 208-5882
- Perla Gamboa, Vice Chair of Tacoma's Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs: perlagamboa30@gmail.com
- Aideet Pineda, Molina Health Care: Aideet.Pineda@molinahealthcare.com | (360) 296-6481
- Vanesa Gutierrez, Snohomish County: Vanesa.Gutierrez@snoco.org

NEXT CALL
THURSDAY May 14, 2020
12:00pm– 1:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/909497617>

Meeting ID: 909 497 617

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