

COVID-19 Community Response Call

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Scott Michael Legal Services Coordination Manager</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARES Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal Paid Employment Compensation (FPEC) ○ \$600 bonus that will be added to your unemployment check that is going to be added ○ Weekly unemployment check, whatever amount it is, bonus will be added ○ Hopefully start happening in 2 weeks • Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “the Gap filler” more federal money to help for unemployed folks who are unable to qualify for regular unemployment but still need assistance ○ Helps exempt from unemployment services, those who don’t have 168 hours, H2A workers may potentially qualify ○ If taking paid leave you can’t get this kind of assistance or if you’re working from home and getting paid ○ Have to show some connection to being laid off due to COVID-19 – diagnosed with the virus, business closed down because of Governor’s orders, family member has virus, etc. • Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The “extender” adds 13 weeks of benefits on a regular unemployment claim (adds to the regular 26 weeks of unemployment) ○ Help get more money into the economy and to people to work through the pandemic |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Questions from Callers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are these assistances available for undocumented folks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federal government has spoken and it is unavailable for undocumented workers same for unemployment benefits • What is the State going to do to ensure assistance for undocumented farm workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conversations have been ongoing during the calls and with the Governor’s office but ESD does not have the authority/responsibility to decide who receives the assistance funds – decided at federal and state levels • Those who work as hairdressers etc. are being denied when they go to the ESD portal – how can they apply for pandemic assistance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once site is up, there will be an explanation of how to apply for the benefits and having conversations with the federal government of how they money is supposed to be paid out ○ Hairdressers and barber shops may be denied because they don’t have the sufficient hours – they may not be exempt ○ Program is still being built but folks who are working for churches and traditionally exempt from unemployment may qualify for the programs |

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| Maria Siguenza Updates | Notes |
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| <p>On behalf of Department of Health (DOH)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have authority to inspect work place settings specifically farm working settings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We annually perform two inspections each year at each facility, including a pre-occupancy inspection and an occupancy inspection. If serious violation are found during an inspection, a follow up inspection is performed to assure compliance. We accept and investigate complaints related to health and sanitation in Temporary Worker Housing. • What kind of complaints does DOH take? How? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any kind of COVID-19 related complaint goes to the coronavirus.wa.gov site. ○ Not translated but it has been flagged to the Governor's office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CHA is working with the Gov's office to put a language access plan together, which will guide agencies on translations of COVID information. • Does DOH have a list of sites where people can go and get tested for COVID-19? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have a preliminary list but will go live on the coronavirus website |
| <p>On behalf of Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Inslee identified which businesses and workers are essential. His guidance specifically outlines the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farmworkers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically. ○ Farmworkers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs. • Do "essential workers" need a special pass to prove they are allowed to go to work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Essential workers are permitted to travel to and from work without a special permit • Will law enforcement require identification of essential workers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No. Law enforcement will not require that essential workers provide identification or other documentation to travel to work. |
| <p>Questions from Callers</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is against state law for our inspectors to call the sites that they will be conducting an inspection – if it is happening, let L&I know • L&I is inspecting various types of works not just agriculture to make sure all employers are in line with the Governor's orders |

| Catholic Community Services | Notes |
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| <p>Jose Ortiz, Catholic Community Services</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a school system/radio to reach our community • Finding creative ways to communicate with the latinx community |

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| joseo@ccsww.org | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple families in cabins regardless of regulations – places them at risk for COVID-19 • Looking for housing options available to our community – CCS had to move people from the homeless shelter because they were too close together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Able to secure funding for hotel placements for homeless community • Lots of deaths, how can we secure funding for people to mitigate funeral costs |
| Questions from Callers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility for CCS to forgive rents? Many are struggling financially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No one will get evicted ○ Willing to work with everyone to help pay at a later time or create a plan |

| WAISN | Notes |
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| <p>Monserrat Padilla Monserrat@waisn.org WAISN Hotline Phone: 1-844-724-3737</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline live to search for resources in their community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hotline volunteers helping callers fill out forms that are online or finding access • WAISN fund is available for undocumented community only because those with a social security number might have eligibility access to other federal and state help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 6,000 people have submitted full length applications – more funding is needed • Other organizations and volunteers are encouraged to partner with WAISN to help the community • Folks who need help filling out the form can call the WAISN hotline at 1-844-724-3737 • Las personas que necesitan ayuda para completar el formulario pueden llamar a la línea directa de WAISN al 1-844-724-3737 • If you can donate, continue to do so at scholarshipjunkies.org/relief. The fund is currently \$141,000 strong. • Si puede donar, continúe haciéndolo en scholarshipjunkies.org/relief. El fondo tiene actualmente una fortaleza de \$141,000. |
| Questions from Callers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When should people expect an answer from the application? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They will be staggered responses but not on a first-come first-serve basis because it is not very equitable ○ High-risk applicants, folks who are out of a job ○ Still figuring out logistics and granting team • Are funds directly to King County area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1/3 of funds will be dedicated to King County/surrounding areas ○ 2/3 of funds will be dedicated to statewide effort ○ Intention to go beyond King County – Central and Eastern WA • How can we help volunteer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email Monserrat or WAISN as structure gets figured out ○ Tailored resources list to regions ○ Provide tools for relief |

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- www.esd.gov
- bit.ly/undocurelief
- scholarshipsjunkies.org/relief
- <https://www.facebook.com/ConsulMexSEA/>
- <https://yakimatgether.org/>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JSEZX9PLK9SjB1s66qFOwiQ21C9rc57r/view>
- <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2389/DRIVE-THRU-COVID-19-TESTING>
- <http://www.foodjustice.org/blog/2020/3/31/c2c-demands-immediate-protection-for-farmworkers-in-washington-state?fbclid=IwAR2IfMfZyjhZZFquqFXD0Btrt5axERvdT4RgHW0LODuoBMbl3y6YqyUOdnE>
- <https://waspc.memberclicks.net/covid-19-information-for-law-enforcement>
- <https://waspc.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/waspc%20statement%20on%20enforcement%20of%20stay%20at%20home%20order%20final%203-24-2020.pdf>

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NEXT CALL

THURSDAY APRIL 17, 2020

12:00pm– 1:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 909 497 617

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