



Washington State
Hospital Association



WSHA COVID-19 Member Call with State Leaders

June 29, 2020

Agenda

Admiral Bono:

- Status update and current work

Dr. Kathy Lofy:

- Where is the state with Remdesivir?

Reed Schuler:

- PPE Plans

Mike Myint

- N95 swap program

WSHA

- Support masking!
- Special session news

If you have questions, raise your hand!

Vice Admiral Bono



Dr. Kathy Lofy



Reed Schuler

Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor, Jay Inslee



Dr. Mike Myint

Physician Executive Population Health, MultiCare Health System



WSHA Call to Action



Call to Action: Mask Up!

“What we need is hospital leaders standing shoulder to shoulder with local elected and other local community leaders getting folks to wear face coverings.”

-John Wiesman, Washington State Secretary of Health (email to Cassie Sauer)

Hood River News

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Hospitals issue joint call to wear masks in public: ‘Wearing a mask is not a political statement’

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News Weather Sports Connect

The latest updates about his visit to Spokane can be found below.

2:56 p.m.: Inslee expresses concerns about COVID-19 spikes

During a media briefing on Thursday, Gov. Jay Inslee and other leaders expressed concerns about rising coronavirus cases and hospitalizations in Spokane County.

"Spokane is right on the verge of a very dire situation because of this pandemic. It's right on the verge of a runaway pandemic," Inslee said on Thursday.

Dr. Dan Getz, who serves as the medical officer for Providence Sacred Heart in Spokane, also joined Inslee on Thursday to speak about trends in the county. Hospitalizations have tripled at Sacred Heart in the past week alone and MultiCare hospitals are also reporting increases, Getz said.

What You Can Do

- Feature the importance of masks on social media, a lot
- Do a media briefing with local public health, or several
- Urge your county commissioners, county executives, state legislators to support and model masking
- Offer to be on town halls with legislators or county commissioners
- Model mask wearing in public, even at six feet distance
- Appeal to shared values
 - Keeping our nurses and doctors safe
 - Keeping our grandparents safe
 - Allowing businesses to stay open and people to work
- De-politicize this topic
- Send in your ideas and we will share!

WSHA's PPE Acquisition



Valerie Aussem
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- ❖ We have surgical masks available now
- ❖ Providing them to your community is one way to encourage masking up

Special Legislative Session?



WSHA Special Session Agenda: Timing Unclear

WSHA Policy Priorities	WSHA Budget Priorities (In Order of Priority)
<p>State waivers for COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quickly trigger waivers of key state laws equivalent to waived federal laws Waive select state laws that inhibit emergency response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain patient access to health care and safety net services in Washington: Oppose cuts to health care or safety net programs or Medicaid rates.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liability protections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure adequate Medicaid payment rates for testing and care for COVID-19 patients (may be administrative only – thank you HCA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data privacy – defensive, many partners 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telemedicine – make parity effective date now 	

Thank you for your leadership!
Questions? Discussion?

