



COUNCIL AGENDA SYNOPSIS

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11/01/21	RB		

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ITEM INFORMATION

	STAFF SPONSOR: RACHEL BIANCHI	ORIGINAL AGENDA DATE: 11/01/21
AGENDA ITEM TITLE	A weekly update on the City's planning and response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	
CATEGORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Bid Award <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
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SPONSOR'S SUMMARY	The City is actively engaged in regional efforts to address the coronavirus (COVID-19). Staff are providing the Council with updated information regarding the City's response to COVID-19.	
REVIEWED BY	<input type="checkbox"/> Trans&Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> CommunitySvs/Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Com <input type="checkbox"/> Planning/Economic Dev. <input type="checkbox"/> LTAC <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Comm. <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Comm. <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Comm.	
DATE:	N/A COMMITTEE CHAIR:	
RECOMMENDATIONS:		
SPONSOR/ADMIN. N/A		
COMMITTEE N/A		
COST IMPACT / FUND SOURCE		
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	AMOUNT BUDGETED	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED
\$	\$	\$
Fund Source:		
Comments:		
MTG. DATE	RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION	
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11/01/21	Coronavirus Report	



CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE UPDATE

November 1, 2021

** Denotes All New Content in the Section*

ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND CITY OPERATIONS

* Essential Services & City Operations

In order to have consistency across public-facing activities at the City Hall campus, beginning October 4, 2021 the permit counter, City Hall and human services in-person office hours will all be Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 to noon. All services remain available remotely. Masks are required at all times in City facilities. City staff that are able are encouraged to work remotely until January 3, 2022.

Total in-person customer volume for the week of October 18, 2021:

- Permit Counter: 4
- City Hall: 1
- Human Services: 0

* Human Services

This week, Human Services staff assisted 11 households (25 individuals) with \$15,790.23 in rent and utility relief. \$3,725.23 was for utility assistance, \$12,065 was for rental assistance. Three out of eight households that received COVID impacted assistance received relief with both rent and utilities (up to program maximum). The least amount of rent owed was \$600 the highest amount owing was \$4,600. The KC EPRAP program for COVID-related rental assistance continues to serve Tukwila residents. Tukwila landlords continue to be identified as recipients of large funding amounts to assist all their residents with COVID related rental arrearages. Staff currently has four additional households in various stages of the intake process which includes ongoing support of Maple Crest households.

Residents and landlords who applied for the EPRAP program can check their status by going to:
<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/COVID/eviction-prevention-rent-assistance>

Source	Households Assisted/Ind	Funding Breakdown
General Fund Contracted Partners	1/1	Rent: \$Utility: \$1,200.00
Covid Rental & Utility Assistance	8/21	Rent: \$8,547.00 Utility: \$3,725.23
Sewer/Water	0/0	\$
HB 1406 Rental Assistance	2/3	\$2,318.00
Information from the community on total past due rent amount		\$500-\$1,200 = 3 \$1,250-\$3,500 = 5 \$3,600-\$4,000 = 1 Over \$4,000 = 1

Fire Staffing and Calls for Service

There have been no changes to Fire staffing since the last report.

Police Staffing and Calls for Service

There have been no changes to Police staffing since the last report.

* Business Recovery

Business Re-Openings and Closings

Washington's economy is open. Nearly all businesses and public spaces including restaurants, stores, offices, theaters, outdoor events, and other places can operate at full capacity with no physical distancing requirements. The Delta variant continues to spread rapidly. COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have declined since early September but are still much higher than they were this past June and July.

On August 18th Governor Inslee announced a vaccine requirement for employees working in K-12, most childcare and early learning, higher education, and State agencies. That requirement took effect on October 18th. On September 9th President Biden announced that the Federal government will require businesses with over 100 employees to require employees to be vaccinated or get regular testing. Businesses are waiting for implementation guidance from OSHA and/or State L&I.

On September 16th King County announced a new vaccine verification requirement that started on October 25th. People are required to show proof of full vaccination to enter public places such as outdoor events with 500 or more people, indoor recreational activities of any size such as restaurants, bars, performances, theaters, conferences, gyms, and professional sports. The requirement starts for small bars and restaurants (seating capacity of 12 or fewer) on December 6. Outdoor dining, take-out, grocery stores, retail stores, private events at private locations, and other situations are exempt. Unvaccinated people can still attend by showing proof of a negative COVID-19 test. People do not have to show identification when showing proof of vaccination.

On October 14th the Governor announced that, starting on November 15th, verification of vaccination or a recent negative test will be required to enter large, ticketed events with over 1,000 people (indoors) or 10,000 people (outdoors).

An expanded statewide mask mandate took effect on August 23rd, every person (including customers and employees) is required to wear masks when indoors with someone from outside their household, however, there are exceptions. For example, the requirement does not apply to people who are working indoors by themselves or are vaccinated and only working with other employees. Businesses can adopt more stringent requirements. Under the Governor's Proclamation 20-25.15 businesses are prohibited from allowing customers to enter or remain in an indoor space in a business unless the customer is wearing a face mask. On September 13th masks also became required (for both vaccinated and unvaccinated) for outdoor events with 500 or more attendees.

Business Assistance

There are some government funding programs still accepting applications including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program and the Small Business Flex Fund. The programs offer low interest loans to small businesses. Through EIDL some small businesses may be eligible for grants up to \$15,000. We anticipate that later this year the State will implement a \$50 million fifth round of the Working Washington small business grant program. The State is also significantly limiting increases in unemployment insurance costs for businesses.

King County is distributing \$145 million of federal funds for residential rental assistance and eviction prevention to tenants and landlords through their Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP).

Unemployment

The unemployment claims data report is included monthly and was included in the packet of the October 18, 2021 Council meeting.

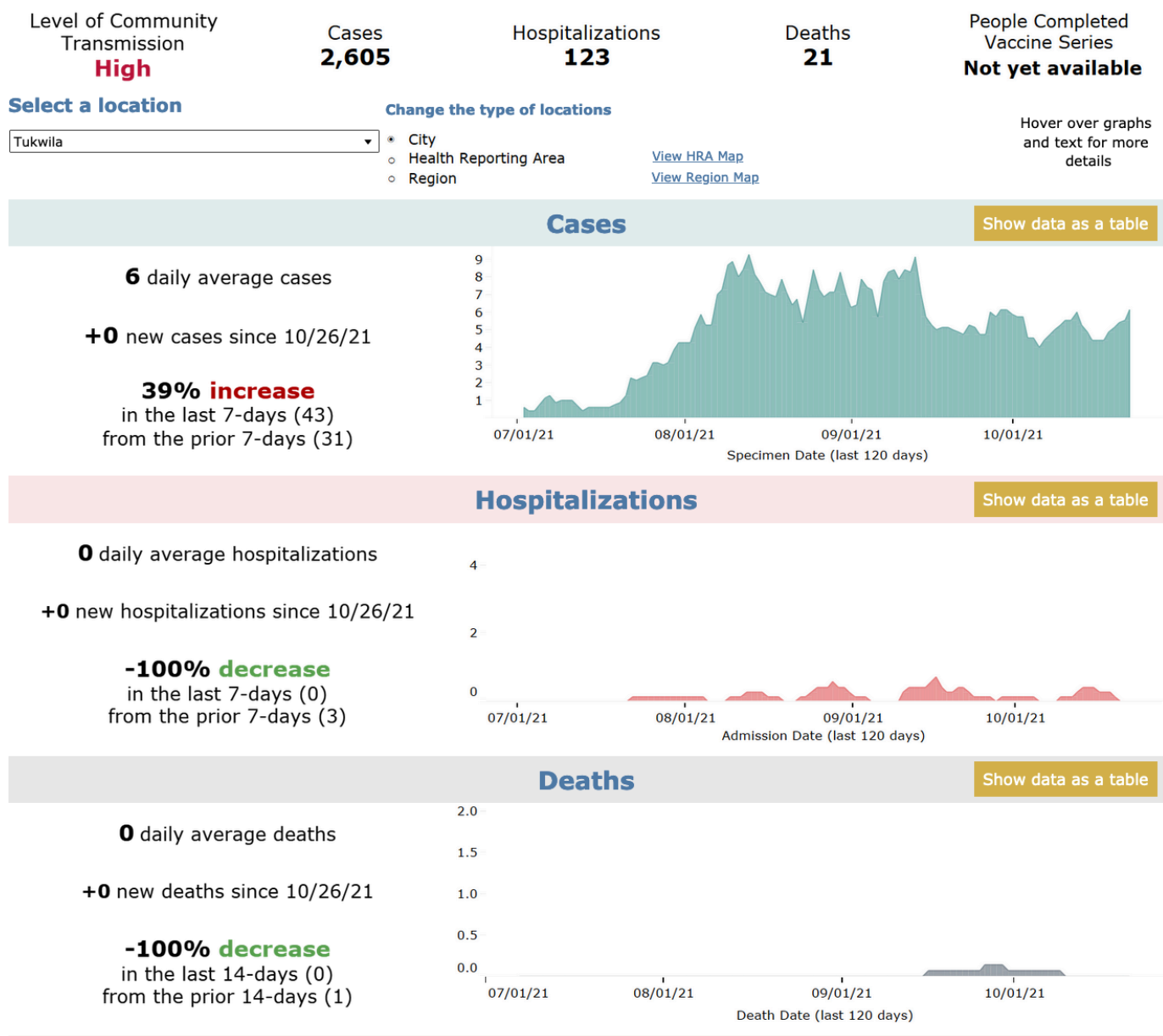
MEETING THE COMMUNITY'S BASIC NEEDS

*** Food Resources and Distribution**

Senior Meals, <i>number of meals distributed.</i> <i>Week of 10/11</i>	Duwamish Curb Café 25 Meals on Wheels 171
Tukwila Pantry Building is currently under re-construction for better usage.	10/21 262 10/23 341 10/26 410

COVID-19 UPDATES

* Covid-19 Tukwila Overview



Mobile Vaccination Team

The Tukwila Fire Department's Mobile Vaccine Team (MVT) is investigating how it can support vaccinations in the schools.

* Vaccine Update & Locations

There are many ways for community members to access the vaccine at no cost. Multiple appointments are available at sites in the area, as well as private opportunities. Visit vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov for location and appointment opportunities.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are offered at pop-up clinics at the Tukwila Village Farmers Market on Saturdays from November 6 through December 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Appointments and proof of residency are not required. The Tukwila Village pop-up provides free \$50 gift cards to Fred Meyer. More info at:

<https://experiencetukwila.com/event/tukwila-covid-19-vaccination-clinics/>

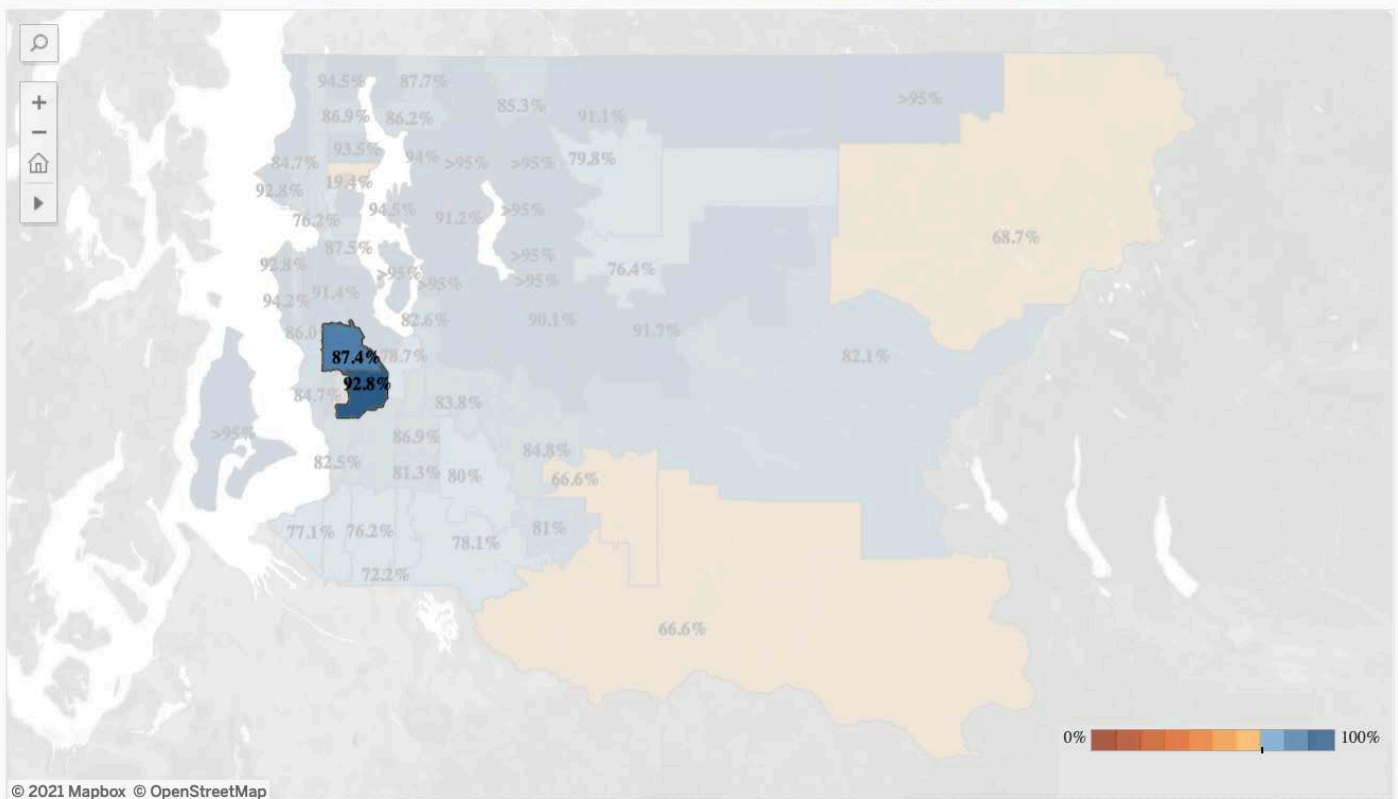
Vaccinations in King County as of October 19, 2021:

- 1 dose: 1,721,971 or 88.2%
- 2 does: 1,615,638 or 82.7%

Below is a zip code map of vaccinations as of October 19, 2021 (percentage of population 12+ with at least one dose) in King County, with Tukwila's two zip codes highlighted:

- 98168: 87.4%
- 98188: 91.8%

Map of KC residents who have at least one dose among ages 12+ years old



Below is a chart of vaccinations by region in King County. Note that South King County has a lower vaccination rate than many other areas in the county.

* COVID-19 Testing

The following are the number of individuals tested over the past week at the Church by the Side of the Road. This is a regional testing facility drawing individuals from across south King County. All testing locations in the region are seeing a significant surge in the number of people requesting tests. King County has contracted with off-duty officers to provide traffic management along Tukwila International Boulevard and Military Road to mitigate traffic impacts in the neighborhood.

10/26 – 458 individuals tested
10/25 – 605 individuals tested
10/24 – closed
10/23 – 407 individuals tested
10/22 – 427 individuals tested
10/21 – 526 individuals tested
10/20 – 481 individuals tested

* WA Notify

WA Notify (also known as Washington Exposure Notifications) is a free tool that works on smartphones to alert users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 without sharing any personal information. It is completely private and doesn't know who you are or track where you go.

To download the app:



On an iPhone, enable Exposure Notifications in Settings:

- Go to Settings
- Scroll down to Exposure Notifications
- Click "Turn On Exposure Notifications"
- Select United States
- Select Washington



On an Android phone:

- Go to the [Google Play Store](#)
- Download the WA Notify app

For Android or iPhone, scan the QR code:

