



MEMORANDUM

To: Recology King County Partner Cities and Agencies
From: Quinn Apuzzo, Government & Community Affairs Manager
Date: March 5, 2020
Re: Recology King County's Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Recology is reaching out to provide an update on current and planned response to the spread of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) in our region. The collection, handling and disposal of solid waste is primarily a public health function and Recology is taking precautions to ensure service continuity during this time.

In addition to actively monitoring the situation, we have shared information from the CDC and Public Health – Seattle King County with our employees including instruction to follow best practices regarding limiting the spread of germs.

In addition, we have supplied all work areas (including trucks, clock in/out stations, etc.) with sufficient supplies of hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes. Non-essential internal meetings have either been postponed or moved to a conference call format. Daily driver-roll out meetings are being conducted outside in smaller group formats. Recology staff who have the ability to work remotely are being encouraged to do so. Should it become necessary, we are prepared to active our remote call center and are in the process of testing remote equipment and preparing for this scenario. All public MRF tours have been temporarily been suspended through the end of March. We have rescheduled or cancelled outreach events at schools and at large public events through the end of March.

Recology's emergency preparedness planning includes a contingency plan for pandemic flus. Should local health officials and leaders advise changes to behavior and public activity, we will activate our plan and adjust our operations accordingly.

Recology will continue to actively monitor the situation and be in touch with updates as they become available.

Please let me know if you have any questions.